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SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1720, May 8-14, 2014

Thu 0330	WRMI	9955	[confirmed]
Thu 1230	WRMI	9955	[confirmed]
Thu 2101	WTWW	9475	[off the air!]
Fri 0326v	WWRB	5050	[off the air!]
Sat 0630	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 1430	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 2330v	WTWW	9930	[may be off the air]
Sun 0030	WRMI	9495	[may be previous edition]
Sun 0401	WTWW	5830	
Mon 0300v	WBCQ	5110v-CUSB	Area 51
Tue 1100	WRMI	9955	
Wed 0630	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 1315	WRMI	9955	[on northwest antenna]
Wed 1430	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Thu 0330	WRMI	9955	[or 1721 if ready in time]

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WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS HAVE RESUMED starting with #1701:
Tnx to Dr Harald Gabler and the Rhein-Main Radio Club.
http://www.rmrc.de/index.php?option=com_podcast&view=feed&format=raw&Itemid=156&lang=de

OUR ONDEMAND AUDIO:
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When applying, please identify yourself with your real name and location, and say something about why you want to join. Those who do not, unless I recognize them, will be prompted once to do so and no action will be taken otherwise. Here's where to sign up:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/>

** ALBANIA [and non]. 9842, May 4 at 0148, intermittent ute noise bursts approx. here, noticed when listening to 9845 R. Tirana music, but far enough away not to bother much (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALGERIA [non]. QSL: Algerienne Radio via Issoudun 7295, a FD eQSL was received from TDF (operator of the transmitter site) after about a day. v/s was Marie-Hélène Havard. Report was sent to the email address shown on TDF's website <http://www.tdf.fr/contact> (Bruce Portzer, Seattle WA, May 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANGOLA. 4949.75, RNA-Canal "A", Mulenvos, 1906-1920, 02/5, notici.rio; 35332. Por agora, coíbo-me de facultar alguns dados mais acerca dos txs da RNA, mas conto fazí-lo, se e quando obtiver permiss,o p/ tal, da fonte. Bons DX e 73 (Carlos GonÁlves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Carlos keeps teasing us that he has inside info about the status of RNA transmitters, but doesn't yet have permission to release it (gh)

4949.78 approx., May 6 at 0102, off-frequency carrier detectable most evenings is a bit stronger, with some talk and a Luso rather than Brazilian accent, as expected from RNA, 0104 music; still more talk at 0131, yet very poor (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARCTICA. 15476, LRA36, Base Esperanza. Latin music at 2005z. Fair signal, but fully readable for 20 minutes, 21/4 (Borje Jansson, Borlange, Sweden (Kenwood R-1000, Sangean ATS-909, Datong AD-370, Longwire + atu), May Australian DX News via DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. 1620.0, 2243-2256 01/5, AM 16-20, La Plata. Songs. 35433

1629.8, 2308-2320 04/5, Diagonal AM 1630, La Plata. Football match report, ads. Off channel. QRM de unID Dutch pirate station on the same frequency. 34332

1670.0, 2114-2127 02/5, R. Rubi, Matanzas, B. Aires. Talks, songs. 25342. Bons DX e 73 (Carlos GonÁlves, PORTUGAL, JRC NRD-545DSP & DRAKE R-E; Advanced Receiver amp.; raised, 4 loop K9AY, 30 m 180J/0J mini-Bev., 80 m 300J/120J Bev., 200 m 270J/90J Bev., 270 m 145J/325J Bev., 300 m 225J/45J Bev, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. 11710.61, R. Argentina al Exterior, General Pacheco. French service to Am at 0348, with relaxed chat and occasional Argentinian ballads. Several IDs at 0359, then time pips at 0400 and into Mandarin. Weak but quite readable on a noiseless band in the mid-afternoon, 29/4.

15345.33, R. Nacional Argentina, General Pacheco. Three time pips at 2030 then Spanish weekend magazine style programming with the domestic service relay to Eu on Sats & Suns only. Frequent IDs throughout. Weak and fluttery on 12/4 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Double Bazooka antennas for 80 and 40 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), May Australian DX News via DXLD)

same ¶ International service on weekdays to Eu with German at 2137, very good signal but with some multi-path echo which made copy difficult at times on 15/4 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Double Bazooka antennas for 80 and 40 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), May Australian DX News via DXLD)

[and non]. 11710.58 approx., May 6 at 0111, RAE in presumed Japanese, with big het from Egypt 11709.94 approx. Narrow bandwidth to the hi side helps, but there is so little modulation from Cairo that I can still hear RAE even tuning to the lo side (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. Yes, Vintage FM is on the air, 3210 kHz; reports to willmo @ vintagefm.com.au Reports very welcome! If you don't have the internet, mail your report to me and I will send it to Vintage FM and if a reply received will send it back to you. Ian Baxter and Craig Allen have got together and produced a great email QSL! Bill Smith in the USA our member has sent me a cassette recording of the station, to pass onto the station [who is ``me``? The front page of ADXN never identifies the writer: Richard Jary, or John Wright?] (May Australian DX News via DXLD)

3210, Vintage FM, Sydney. Good with 50is and 60is pops at 1952, 9/4 (John Adams, Beech Forest Vic (JRC NRD-535 Ewe and folded dipole), May Australian DX News via DXLD)

same ¶ Relay programme of 50's and 60's music with Vintage FM ID's, promotions and adverts fair level after sunset! 0700 12/4 before than very poor to inaudible (John Wright, Peakhurst NSW (Icom R75, EWE antennae), May Australian DX News via DXLD).

** AUSTRALIA [and non]. 13630, 15240, 15300, May 1 at 0533, no signals from R. Australia. Hi-latitude propagation is degraded, but if anything should be audible, it's these lo-latitude ones. Suspect Shepparton is down, for maintenance? Back to normal around 1300 with 9475, 9580, 12065, 12085 all audible. (At 0533, the OSOB on 22m is fair 13840, NHK French via MADAGASCAR, another trans-equatorial path) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

GOODBYE, RADIO AUSTRALIA --- Radio Australia is the subject of another budget cut discussion. The current government in Australia recommended scrapping Radio Australia.

<http://www.theage.com.au/federal-politics/political-news/axe-abc-australia-network-commission-of-audit-20140501-zr2n4.html>

(Bill Harms, Elkridge, Maryland, May 2, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1720. DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Big protests in Sydney to fight the chance of ABC cuts tomorrow (I guess in other cities too). I will be there :) (Mark Fahey, NSW, ibid.)

This report in The Age seems to be about the Australia Network, which is ABC's international TV channel, it doesn't specifically mention Radio Australia — or does RA come under the Australia Network?

funding? 73s (Dave Kenny, UK, *ibid.*) Yes

Tony Abbott and his Commission of Audit are bald faced shills for private and corporate interests. Period. The Commission -- a hand-picked group chosen by a Prime Minister seen as a right-wing extremist but elected due to dysfunctional splits within the former Labour government -- produced a report that recommends a litany of cuts in government spending and social insurance that reads like a corporate libertarian's wet dream. No justification is offered for this wholesale policy shift since the report blithely assumes that the rationality of its ideological agenda is a given. The Australia Network portion of the report is minuscule in comparison to the other recommendations and -- yes -- Radio Australia is a part of the Australia Network.

There may be good and valid reasons for a re-evaluation of the Australia Network (including RA) -- actually that should read "another re-evaluation" because there have been several already -- but none are offered in the report because the government is ideologically opposed to public media. The closure of the Australia Network is a long held objective of Rupert Murdoch, however, which tells you all you need to know about the genesis of this recommendation. Private media in Australia is so ownership-concentrated that the ABC, the highly respected (as evidenced in poll after poll) public broadcaster, offers virtually the only substantial alternative voice within the Australia media structure. It's no wonder that Murdoch and Abbott want to see it minimized if not altogether destroyed (John Figliozi, Halfmoon, NY, Sent from my iPad, *ibid.*, WORLD OF RADIO 1720)

Well said, John. You're right, and as an Aussie I feel the same way (Ian Baxter, NSW, *ibid.*)

Think of earthquakes and typhoons in SE Asia and Oceania and R Australia on SW has at least a quantum of importance! (Horacio Nigro Geolkiewsky, Montevideo, Uruguay, *ibid.*)

Radio Australia had been incorporated into Australia Network already some time ago, as reported also in DXLD. Don't even expect special mentions of Radio Australia anymore when it comes to shutting down the whole affair (Kai Ludwig, Germany, *ibid.*)

I've mentioned this before, but the end of RA would pretty much put the final nails in the coffin for casual SW listening for those of us in NA. Not sure I'll have any further interest if China and Cuba are the only decent signals left. Spain and Romania hang in there for now, but they might be gone in the very near future. BBCWS has already announced further cuts in 2015, and DW has indicated an overhaul in distribution philosophy is on the way. Wonder if The Powers That Be in

Wellington might have similar ideas for RNZI? (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, *ibid.*)

If this happens, I will have Some SW radios for sale :-((Andy Reid, Ont., *ibid.*)

Radio Australia Future - Complain to the right people - write now. One could always write/email the appropriate Federal Minister expressing your interest in the continuation of Radio Australia.

The Australian federal government is releasing preliminary news of fiscal tightening intentions before a firm budget is released in less than two weeks time, mainly as a barometer of public/media reaction.

It would be in the interest of Radio Australia listeners to write to the appropriate minister "NOW" that you listen to Radio Australia via shortwave or the internet before any firm decisions are made by the Liberal National Coalition (Federal Government) prior to the release of the Federal budget

I'm not sure who that is but either responsibility for Radio Australia either falls under the Minister for Communications (Malcolm Turnbull) or Minister for Foreign Affairs. Maybe it's the later in which case it's Julie Bishop.

<http://www.minister.communications.gov.au/>
<http://foreignminister.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>
(Ian Baxter, NSW, May 4, *ibid.*, WORLD OF RADIO 1720)

ABC BRACING FOR HUGE BUDGET CUTS

Spotted these two articles early UT Wednesday May 7:

<http://www.smh.com.au/federal-politics/political-news/abc-staff-warned-prepare-for-the-worst-20140506-zr5nx.html>
<http://www.news.com.au/national/bracing-for-pain-at-the-abc-staff-told-to-expect-savage-budget-cuts/story-fncynjr2-1226908089321>

Radio Australia not specifically mentioned, but there is speculation about the Australia Network TV service.

Also includes email to ABC staff:

http://images.theage.com.au/file/2014/05/06/5404654/Matt_Peacock_ABC_letter.pdf

Guess we'll know more in a week (Steve Luce, Houston, Texas, May 7, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Australia's evening NAm service? They must want us to listen. The two

new frequencies come in better than the others. 0100-0500 on 17840;
0315 (0300 Sa-Su)-0600 on 15300. 73, (George Sherman, MN, May 4, MDXC
yg via DXLD) No, they don't really care about us (gh, DXLD)

A-14 shortwave schedule of Radio Australia:

0000-0030 on 9660 BRN 025 kW / 010 deg to NPac English
0000-0030 on 12005 SNG 250 kW / 340 deg to SEAs Burmese
0000-0030 on 12080 BRN 025 kW / 080 deg to EPac English
0000-0030 on 15240 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English
0000-0030 on 15415 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs English
0000-0030 on 17750 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English
0000-0030 on 17795 SHP 100 kW / 050 deg to EPac English
0000-0030 on 17860 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English
0000-0030 on 19000 SHP 100 kW / 065 deg to EPac English

0030-0100 on 9660 BRN 025 kW / 010 deg to NPac English
0030-0100 on 12080 BRN 025 kW / 080 deg to EPac English
0030-0100 on 15240 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English
0030-0100 on 15415 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs English
0030-0100 on 17750 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English
0030-0100 on 17795 SHP 100 kW / 050 deg to EPac English
0030-0100 on 17860 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English
0030-0100 on 19000 SHP 100 kW / 065 deg to EPac English

0100-0130 on 9660 BRN 025 kW / 010 deg to NPac English
0100-0130 on 11780 SNG 100 kW / 340 deg to SEAs Burmese
0100-0130 on 12080 BRN 025 kW / 080 deg to EPac English
0100-0130 on 15160 SHP 100 kW / 065 deg to EPac English
0100-0130 on 15240 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English
0100-0130 on 15415 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs English
0100-0130 on 17750 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English
0100-0130 on 17795 SHP 100 kW / 050 deg to EPac English
0100-0130 on 17840 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English

0130-0200 on 9660 BRN 025 kW / 010 deg to NPac English
0130-0200 on 12080 BRN 025 kW / 080 deg to EPac English
0130-0200 on 15160 SHP 100 kW / 065 deg to EPac English
0130-0200 on 15240 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English
0130-0200 on 15415 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs English
0130-0200 on 17750 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English
0130-0200 on 17795 SHP 100 kW / 050 deg to EPac English
0130-0200 on 17840 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English

0200-0300 on 9660 BRN 025 kW / 010 deg to NPac English
0200-0300 on 12080 BRN 025 kW / 080 deg to EPac English
0200-0300 on 15160 SHP 100 kW / 065 deg to EPac English
0200-0300 on 15240 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English
0200-0300 on 15415 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs English

0200-0300 on 17750 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English
0200-0300 on 17795 SHP 100 kW / 050 deg to EPac English
0200-0300 on 17840 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English

0300-0315 on 9660 BRN 025 kW / 010 deg to NPac English
0300-0315 on 12080 BRN 025 kW / 080 deg to EPac French Mon-Fri*
0300-0315 on 12080 BRN 025 kW / 080 deg to EPac English Sat/Sun
0300-0315 on 15160 SHP 100 kW / 065 deg to EPac English
0300-0315 on 15240 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac French Mon-Fri*
0300-0315 on 15240 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English Sat/Sun
0300-0315 on 15300 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac French Mon-Fri*
0300-0315 on 15300 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English Sat/Sun
0300-0315 on 15415 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs English
0300-0315 on 17750 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English
0300-0315 on 17840 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs English
*not confirmed on Monday, May 5, was in English instead

0315-0400 on 9660 BRN 025 kW / 010 deg to NPac English
0315-0400 on 12080 BRN 025 kW / 080 deg to EPac English
0315-0400 on 15160 SHP 100 kW / 065 deg to EPac English
0315-0400 on 15240 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English
0315-0400 on 15300 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English
0315-0400 on 15415 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs English
0315-0400 on 17750 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English
0315-0400 on 17840 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs English

0400-0500 on 9660 BRN 025 kW / 010 deg to NPac English
0400-0500 on 12080 BRN 025 kW / 080 deg to EPac English
0400-0500 on 15160 SHP 100 kW / 065 deg to EPac English
0400-0500 on 15240 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English
0400-0500 on 15300 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English
0400-0500 on 15415 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs English
0400-0500 on 17750 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English
0400-0500 on 17800 HBN 100 kW / 270 deg to SEAs English
0400-0500 on 17840 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs English

0500-0600 on 9660 BRN 025 kW / 010 deg to NPac English
0500-0600 on 12080 BRN 025 kW / 080 deg to EPac English
0500-0600 on 13630 SHP 100 kW / 050 deg to EPac English
0500-0600 on 15240 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English
0500-0600 on 15300 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English
0500-0600 on 15415 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs English
0500-0600 on 17750 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English
0500-0600 on 21725 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English

0600-0700 on 9660 BRN 025 kW / 010 deg to NPac English
0600-0700 on 11945 SHP 100 kW / 100 deg to SPac English
0600-0700 on 12080 BRN 025 kW / 080 deg to EPac English

0600-0700 on 13630 SHP 100 kW / 050 deg to EPac English
0600-0700 on 15240 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English
0600-0700 on 15415 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs English
0600-0700 on 17750 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English
0600-0700 on 21725 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English

0700-0800 on 7410 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English
0700-0800 on 9475 SHP 100 kW / 353 deg to EaAs English
0700-0800 on 9660 BRN 025 kW / 010 deg to NPac English
0700-0800 on 9710 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs English
0700-0800 on 11945 SHP 100 kW / 100 deg to SPac English
0700-0800 on 12080 BRN 025 kW / 080 deg to EPac English
0700-0800 on 13630 SHP 100 kW / 050 deg to EPac English
0700-0800 on 15240 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English

0800-0900 on 5995 BRN 025 kW / 010 deg to NPac English
0800-0900 on 7410 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English
0800-0900 on 9475 SHP 100 kW / 353 deg to EaAs English
0800-0900 on 9580 SHP 100 kW / 080 deg to EPac English
0800-0900 on 9710 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs English
0800-0900 on 11945 SHP 100 kW / 100 deg to SPac English
0800-0900 on 12080 BRN 025 kW / 080 deg to EPac English
0800-0900 on 15240 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English

0900-1000 on 5995 BRN 025 kW / 010 deg to NPac Pidgin
0900-1000 on 6080 SHP 100 kW / 005 deg to NPac Pidgin
0900-1000 on 6150 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac Pidgin
0900-1000 on 9475 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac Pidgin
0900-1000 on 9580 SHP 100 kW / 080 deg to EPac English
0900-1000 on 9710 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs Pidgin
0900-1000 on 11945 SHP 100 kW / 100 deg to SPac English
0900-1000 on 12080 BRN 025 kW / 080 deg to EPac Pidgin

1000-1100 on 5995 BRN 025 kW / 010 deg to NPac Pidgin Mon-Fri
1000-1100 on 5995 BRN 025 kW / 010 deg to NPac English Sat/Sun
1000-1100 on 6080 SHP 100 kW / 005 deg to NPac Pidgin Mon-Fri
1000-1100 on 6080 SHP 100 kW / 005 deg to NPac English Sat/Sun
1000-1100 on 6150 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac Pidgin Mon-Fri
1000-1100 on 6150 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English Sat/Sun
1000-1100 on 9475 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac Pidgin Mon-Fri
1000-1100 on 9475 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English Sat/Sun
1000-1100 on 9580 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English
1000-1100 on 9710 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs Pidgin Mon-Fri
1000-1100 on 9710 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs English Sat/Sun
1000-1100 on 12065 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English
1000-1100 on 12080 BRN 025 kW / 080 deg to EPac Pidgin Mon-Fri
1000-1100 on 12080 BRN 025 kW / 080 deg to EPac English Sat/Sun

1100-1200 on 5995 BRN 025 kW / 010 deg to NPac English
1100-1200 on 6080 SHP 100 kW / 005 deg to NPac English
1100-1200 on 6140 SNG 100 kW / 013 deg to SEAs English
1100-1200 on 6150 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English
1100-1200 on 9475 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English
1100-1200 on 9580 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English
1100-1200 on 12065 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English
1100-1200 on 12080 BRN 015 kW / 080 deg to EPac English DRM
1100-1200 on 12085 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English

1200-1300 on 5995 BRN 025 kW / 010 deg to NPac English
1200-1300 on 6080 SHP 100 kW / 005 deg to NPac English
1200-1300 on 6140 SNG 100 kW / 013 deg to SEAs English
1200-1300 on 6150 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English
1200-1300 on 9475 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English
1200-1300 on 9580 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English
1200-1300 on 12065 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English
1200-1300 on 12085 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English

1300-1400 on 5940 SHP 100 kW / 334 deg to SEAs English
1300-1400 on 5995 BRN 025 kW / 010 deg to NPac English
1300-1400 on 6150 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English
1300-1400 on 9475 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English
1300-1400 on 9580 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English
1300-1400 on 9965 HBN 100 kW / 318 deg to EaAs English
1300-1400 on 12065 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English
1300-1400 on 12085 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English

1400-1430 on 5940 SHP 100 kW / 334 deg to SEAs English
1400-1430 on 5995 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English
1400-1430 on 9475 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English
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1430-1500 on 12085 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English

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1500-1530 on 5995 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English
1500-1530 on 9475 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English
1500-1530 on 9850 SHP 100 kW / 040 deg to NPac English
1500-1530 on 12065 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English

1500-1530 on 12085 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English

1530-1600 on 5940 SHP 100 kW / 334 deg to SEAs English

1530-1600 on 5995 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English

1530-1600 on 9475 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English

1530-1600 on 9850 SHP 100 kW / 040 deg to NPac English

1530-1600 on 11880 SHP 100 kW / 050 deg to NPac English

1530-1600 on 12085 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English

1600-1630 on 5940 SHP 100 kW / 334 deg to SEAs English

1600-1630 on 5995 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English

1600-1630 on 9475 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English

1600-1630 on 9540 SNG 250 kW / 340 deg to SEAs English

1600-1630 on 9850 SHP 100 kW / 040 deg to NPac English

1600-1630 on 11880 SHP 100 kW / 050 deg to NPac English

1600-1630 on 12085 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English

1630-1700 on 5940 SHP 100 kW / 334 deg to SEAs English

1630-1700 on 5995 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English

1630-1700 on 9475 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English

1630-1700 on 9850 SHP 100 kW / 040 deg to NPac English

1630-1700 on 11880 SHP 100 kW / 050 deg to NPac English

1630-1700 on 12085 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English

1700-1730 on 5995 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English

1700-1730 on 9475 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English

1700-1730 on 9580 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English

1700-1730 on 9820 SHP 100 kW / 353 deg to EaAs English

1700-1730 on 11880 SHP 100 kW / 050 deg to NPac English

1700-1730 on 12085 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English

1730-1800 on 5995 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English

1730-1800 on 6080 SHP 100 kW / 005 deg to NPac English

1730-1800 on 9475 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English

1730-1800 on 9580 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English

1730-1800 on 9820 SHP 100 kW / 353 deg to EaAs English

1730-1800 on 11880 SHP 100 kW / 050 deg to NPac English

1800-1900 on 6080 SHP 100 kW / 005 deg to NPac English

1800-1900 on 9475 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English

1800-1900 on 9580 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English

1800-1900 on 9710 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English

1800-1900 on 9820 SHP 100 kW / 353 deg to EaAs English

1800-1900 on 11880 SHP 100 kW / 050 deg to NPac English

1900-2000 on 6080 SHP 100 kW / 005 deg to NPac English

1900-2000 on 9580 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English

1900-2000 on 9710 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English

1900-2000 on 9820 SHP 100 kW / 353 deg to EaAs English
1900-2000 on 11660 SHP 100 kW / 065 deg to EPac English
1900-2000 on 11880 SHP 100 kW / 050 deg to NPac English

2000-2030 on 6080 SHP 100 kW / 005 deg to NPac English
2000-2030 on 9580 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English
2000-2030 on 9820 SHP 100 kW / 353 deg to EaAs English
2000-2030 on 11650 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English
2000-2030 on 11660 SHP 100 kW / 065 deg to EPac English
2000-2030 on 12080 BRN 025 kW / 080 deg to EPac English
2000-2030 on 15515 SHP 100 kW / 050 deg to NPac English

2030-2100 on 9580 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English
2030-2100 on 11650 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English
2030-2100 on 11660 SHP 100 kW / 065 deg to EPac English
2030-2100 on 11695 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English
2030-2100 on 12080 BRN 025 kW / 080 deg to EPac English
2030-2100 on 15415 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs English
2030-2100 on 15515 SHP 100 kW / 050 deg to NPac English

2100-2200 on 9660 BRN 025 kW / 010 deg to NPac English
2100-2200 on 11650 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English
2100-2200 on 11695 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English
2100-2200 on 12080 BRN 025 kW / 080 deg to EPac English
2100-2200 on 13630 SHP 100 kW / 065 deg to EPac English
2100-2200 on 15415 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs English
2100-2200 on 15515 SHP 100 kW / 050 deg to NPac English
2100-2200 on 17860 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English

2200-2300 on 9660 BRN 025 kW / 010 deg to NPac English
2200-2300 on 9855 DHA 250 kW / 090 deg to SEAs English
2200-2300 on 9900 DHA 250 kW / 105 deg to SEAs English
2200-2300 on 11695 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English
2200-2300 on 12080 BRN 025 kW / 080 deg to EPac English
2200-2300 on 13630 SHP 100 kW / 065 deg to EPac English
2200-2300 on 15240 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English
2200-2300 on 15415 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs English
2200-2300 on 15515 SHP 100 kW / 050 deg to NPac English
2200-2300 on 17860 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English

2300-2330 on 5955 DHA 250 kW / 085 deg to SEAs Burmese
2300-2330 on 9660 BRN 025 kW / 010 deg to NPac English
2300-2330 on 9855 DHA 250 kW / 090 deg to SEAs English
2300-2330 on 9900 DHA 250 kW / 105 deg to SEAs English
2300-2330 on 11695 SHP 100 kW / 329 deg to SEAs English
2300-2330 on 12080 BRN 025 kW / 080 deg to EPac English
2300-2330 on 15240 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English
2300-2330 on 15415 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs English

2300-2330 on 17795 SHP 100 kW / 050 deg to NPac English
2300-2330 on 17860 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English
2300-2330 on 19000 SHP 100 kW / 065 deg to EPac English

2330-2400 on 9660 BRN 025 kW / 010 deg to NPac English
2330-2400 on 9855 DHA 250 kW / 090 deg to SEAs English
2330-2400 on 12080 BRN 025 kW / 080 deg to EPac English
2330-2400 on 15240 SHP 100 kW / 030 deg to NPac English
2330-2400 on 15415 SHP 100 kW / 355 deg to EaAs English
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R. Australia is the subject of another budget cut discussions. The current government in Australia recommended scrapping R. Australia.

More info here

<http://www.theage.com.au/federal-politics/political-news/axe-abc-australia-network-commission-of-audit-20140501-zr2n4.html>

(DX RE MIX NEWS #851 from Georgi Bancov & Ivo Ivanov, Tue May 6, 2014 via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. A14 schedule for HCJB Australia in English. The schedule notes that iHCJB Australia will soon be changing its name - stay tunedî

0100-0115 sm....s As 17760 Spotlight
0730-0830 Daily Au 15490
1115-1130 ..t..f. As 11700 Spotlight
1130-1145 sm....s As 11700 Spotlight
1330-1400f. As 11595 (Hindi/English)
1405-1530 Daily As 15450
(May BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

Well, at least HCJB isn't endangered in Australia (gh, DXLD)

** AUSTRIA. Domenica 4 maggio 2014, *1000-1100* - 7330 kHz (PL-660), RADIO JOYSTICK - Moosbrunn (Austria), Musica dance, IDs e interviste. Segnale buono. Solo la prima domenica del mese (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, G.C. 44° 21' 06.89" N / 09° 13' 30.94" E, playdx yg via DXLD)

** BANGLADESH. 9455, Bangladesh Betar, 1328, nepal musique typique sucrÈe 25avr14 (Michel Lacroix, from Saint-Paul near Beauvais, France, DX LISTENING DIGEST) sucrÈe --- would that imply sweet, or saccharine? (gh, DXLD)

15105, Bangladesh Betar, May 02 1246-1259*, 34443, English, Bangladesh music, ID and closing announce at 1259, 1259 sign off (Kouji

Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345,
Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. BB, 15505 --- verified my email report with a full-data
``Kantajee's Temple`` card with a short personal letter in 31 days
from Abu Tabib Md. Zia Hasan, Senior Engineer, Research and Receiving
Centre. The envelope was covered with the usual pile of stamps (Rich
D'Angleo, PA, QSL Report, May NASWA Journal, retyped by gh for DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELARUS. 11730, Radio Belarus, Minsk. News in Spanish at 2001.
Strong. 17/4 (Borje Jansson, Borlange, Sweden (Kenwood R-1000, Sangean
ATS-909, Datong AD-370, Longwire + atu), May Australian DX News via
DXLD)

same ¶ Fairly weak with English 2021, programming just discernible,
though a reasonable amount of carrier present, 19/4 (Craig Seager,
VK2FEAE [sic], Bathurst NSW (Perseus, Icom IC-746, Hustler 5-BV
vertical, Horizontal Loop, 1m amplified loop, Dream DRM software), May
Australian DX News via DXLD)

11930, Belaruskaje Rady Jo [sic], Minsk. Belarusian national
programming with rock songs and contrasting serious talks at 0550,
time pips at 0600, ID and news. This NF appears to be ex 7255, fair
signal on 7/4 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Kenwood TS2000,
Yaesu FRG100, Double Bazooka antennas for 80 and 40 metres, Par EF-SWL
End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-
1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), May Australian DX News via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 3310.01, 0110-0120 03/05, R Mosoj Chaski, Cotapachi [sic],
Quechua talk and songs, 35233 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, on my AOR
AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire and heard the following with
always disturbing ticking noise, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via
DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. Last night!!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xnyiur7Gghw>
Nice video from Radio Mosoj Chaski, 3310 kHz
73, (Maurits Van Driessche, Belgium, May 4, HCDX via DXLD)

Was it by him?? In the first minute there is mix by an announcement in
English; what's that? Done by the recordist? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 6025, R. Patria Nueva, La Paz. Fair with Spanish
announcements. 1103, haven't heard this for quite a while, 25/4 (Craig
Seager, VK2FEAE [sic], Bathurst NSW (Perseus, Icom IC-746, Hustler 5-
BV vertical, Horizontal Loop, 1m amplified loop, Dream DRM software),
May Australian DX News via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 6134.79v, R. Santa Cruz, 0211*, May 5 and 0210*, May 7
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4775, May 2 at 0049, Brazuguese preacher yelling, LAH from second carrier slightly offset. Usually I only hear the LAH but now some modulation is making it, i.e. R. Congonhas, vs Per's R. Tarma. The ZY is listed to close at 0100.

4815, May 2 at 0050, similar sound to 4775, but not //, and 4815 is somewhat stronger, i.e. R. Difusora Londrina, yet another Brazilian SW station co-opted by gospel huxters (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4914.97 and 4915.00, 0045-0120 03/05, R Daqui, Goi,nia, GO and R Difusora Macap., Macap., AP both heard with Portuguese announcements and musical programmes - and heterodyne, 32232 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire and heard the following with always disturbing ticking noise, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL [and non]. 6010, May 2 at 0058, poor signal with YL in Brazuguese, but no het so seems Colombia and Mexico are both away, leaving R. InconfidÍncia; 0102 ZY- IDs for all their outlets. JBA carrier circa 15190.

Seems XEOI, R. Mil, MÈxico is silent again; has anyone heard it lately? The other HJDH, however is going on 5910 with music (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 49 mb 0715-0745 UT May 6:
5939.831, SC86 R Voz Mission·ria, Cambori·, SC, BRA weak
5970.013, ZYE523 R Itatiaia, Belo Horizonte, MG BRA, weak
6010.063, UNID carrier, BRA? ZYE521 R InconfidÍncia, Belo Horizonte MG. weak, but stronger signal on upper side, COLOMBIA
6059.785, ZYE726 SRDA Super R Deus È Amor, Curitiba PR, BRA weak
6080.033, BRA stn, probably ZYE726 R Marumby, Curitiba, PR weak
6180, RNB NOT ON AIR at 0745 UT.
(Wolfgang B·schel, Stuttgart, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6180, May 7 at 0617, RNA is off here, but still on 11780. When 6180 is missing, it's troubling in case totally out of whack again with spurs elsewhere on band, but none heard now (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11855.04 approx., May 4 at 0118, R. Aparecida in Brazuguese, now just a tad off-frequency, about one click on the DX-

398 fine tuning (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11856.4, 1959 6 MAI - R;DIO APARECIDA in PORTUGU S from APARECIDA, SP. SINPO = 44444. 25m, DE1103, LW 12m, limpo e puro. Received at Brasil, 1892 km from transmitter at Aparecida, SP. Local time: 1659 (Virgu, no further name or location, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. BRASIL [selected; his full report was in the dxldyg --- gh]

4815, R. Dif.TM, Londrina PR, 2138-2155, 02/5, canÁies, rubrica que pareceu ser um consultÙrio jurídico, com conselhos, coment.rios e exemplos de casos, e, pelas 2200, A Voz do Brasil; 44343, QRM adjacente.

4915, R. Dif.TM de Macap., Macap. AP, 2153-2209, 01/5, notici.rio local, anúncios informativos, m'sica; 33431, QRM da R.Daqui, B.

4915, R. Daqui, Goi,nia GO, 2151-2202, 02/5, propaganda religiosa, anúncios para reunies, no s.bado, 03/5, A Voz do Brasil, ±s 2200; 54333, QRM da R.Dif.TM de Macap., B.

4925.2, R. EducaÁ,o Rural, TefÈ AM, 2152-2209, 02/5, m'sica, anúncios informativos, ID + indicaÁ,o das freqs., ±s 2201, e A Voz do Brasil, ±s 2203, ou seja, sem emiss,o do seu inÍcio; 45332.

4985, R. Brasil Central, Goi,nia GO, 2207-2221, 01/5, m'sica pop'; 55433. 11815 fora do ar.

5035, R. Aparecida, Aparecida SP, 2215-2226, 03/5, r'brica acerca da prÙpria emissora, incluindo referÍncias ao 50.º anivers.º do Sertanejo, v.g. sobre os programas em torno do tema; 44333, QRM da R. EducaÁ,o Rural, B.

5035.05, R. EducaÁ,o Rural, Coari AM, 2217-2225, 03/5, texto, m'sica; 22431, QRM da R. Aparecida, B.

9586.4, SRDA, S,,o Paulo SP, 2219-2232, 02/5, A Voz do Brasil, 2.TM parte ±s 2224; 35433.

9645.4, R.Bandeirantes, S,,o Paulo SP, 2240-2301, 04/5, relato de partida de futebol Corinthians x (?) (n,oo entendi o nome do outro grupo) com informaÁies de tr,nsito e anúncios comerciais ± mistura; 35433.

9664.7, R. Voz Mission.ria, Cambori' SC, 2217-2229, 02/5, propaganda religiosa; 45433.

9818.8, R. 9 de Julho, S,,o Paulo SP, 2135-2150, 01/5, Jornal das

Comunidades; 43432, QRM adjacente da China, em 9820.

11764.7, SRDA, Curitiba PR, 2118-2131, 03/5, propaganda religiosa; 45444. 11764.75, idem, 1005-1120, 05/5, dois sinais de áudio distintos, cada um com o seu programa: um com o D. Miranda, outro com anúncios de milagres...; 25432. Como se não bastasse já o facto de ser patético o simples nome da emissora e o que ela transmite.

Opinião própria, É certo, mas atrevo-me a dar este desabafo: esta (talvez a campioníssima no ramo) e estúdios análogos só sabem mesmo difundir propaganda religiosa e A Voz do Brasil?!

11894.9, R. Boa Vontade, Pt. J. Alegre RS, 2221-2137, 01/5, canários e efemérides, propaganda comercial da própria emissora, anúncios de programação; 34432, QRM adjacente sólamente até às 2130; // 9550.

11925.2, R. Bandeirantes, S. Paulo SP, 2222-2240, 01/5, notícias e comentários sobre futebol; 43442, QRM adjacente da Sa'di, em 11930.

11925.2, idem, 0910-1035, 05/5, noticiário, programa de futebol, Serviço Bandeirantes, às 1000; 25432, em perda, QRM, às 1030.

15190.1, R. Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte MG, 2301-2315, 04/5, relato de jogo de futebol; 25432. Bons DX e 73 (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BURMA [non]. 11560, TAJIKISTAN, Democratic Voice of Burma, 1429 May 3, tone on and off, then a longer tone to 1430, sign-on with Burmese music, man with ID. Poor (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car, by Kalamalka Lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CAMBODIA [non]. 17860, Khmer Míticas Srok via Dushanbe. Very good signal of speakers in listed Cambodian reading news after sign-on at precisely 1130. At 1135 went to outside sound source which lacked the good quality of the in-studio voices 1130, 24/4 (Charles Jones, Castle Hill NSW (JRC NRD 535D with 7m. vertical antenna), May Australian DX News via DXLD)

** CAMBODIA [non]. Ref WOR 1719 & DXLD-14-18: With reference to Seichi Hasegawa's logging of CMN Radio, perhaps I should point out that the "Monday/Wednesday/Friday" schedule cited on their website (cmnkhmer.org) refers to Cambodian local time, so therefore corresponds to Sunday/Tuesday/Thursday UT (David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, May 4, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1720. DX LISTENING DIGEST) Yes! I should have caught that (gh)

CLANDESTINE, 9940, CMN Khmer R., May 01 [UT Thu] *2300-2304, 25322,

Cambodian, 2300 sign on with opening music, Opening announce, Talk, New clandestine station to cambodia, CMN=Cambodia Media Network (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CMN Radio via Dushanbe QSY to 9945 kHz on May 6. CMN Radio-Cambodia Media Net Work Radio:

9945, 2300-2330 May 6, Khmer

9940, 2300-2330 April 27, 29, May 1, 4, Khmer de Hiroshi (S. Hasegawa, May 7, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DXLD)

** CANADA [and non]. CJLO's AM 1690 kHz wants 107.9 translator

Sheldon Harvey

<https://www.facebook.com/sheldon.harvey.942?fref=nf>

International Radio Report

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/188158277887350/?fref=nf>

Hi, everyone. Just a reminder about this morning's special edition of the show. For our long-distance listeners, we apologize if the nature of the show will focus exclusively on a locally based radio issue, but it is an important story that we really want to explore at greater length. We will have in-studio CJLO station manager Mathieu Barrot and broadcast engineer Michel Mathieu, applicants to the CRTC for the rights to install a 100 watt relay of CJLO's AM 1690 kHz transmitter.

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Haley Prentice: Sheldon, I can get the 250w translators on an older outdoor VHF/UHF TV antenna from 20-25 miles away depending on the station's antenna height. Sheldon, while this on the surface is a hyperlocal topic, this issue resonates here and is one of the common... See More

Sheldon Harvey: WVPS is quite easily audible in the Montreal region, even on many quality portable radios. Unfortunately the really poor quality of many of today's general consumer FM radios offer poor performance on lower powered FM signals in our area. Strong signal... See More

Avrom Shtern: CJLO is alienating a whole bunch of Montrealers. They are very much aware that VPR has a listener base in SW Quebec. Why cause trouble? Thank you, Sheldon, for covering this issue (all via Artie Bigley, WORLD OF RADIO 1720. DXLD)

Robin Turnau, president and CEO or Vermont Public Radio, Matt Barrot, station manager at CJLO 1690 and Radio consultant Michel Matthieu discuss CJLO's application for 107.9 in downtown Montreal on the "International Radio Report" hosted by Sheldon Harvey on CKUT this Sunday morning. You can listen through the CKUT archives. Look for the Sunday May 4, 2014 stream at this address:

<http://ckut.ca/c/en/oldgrid/sunday,10:30>

My first comment: I find it hard to believe that 107.9 is the only frequency CJLO could use in Montreal (Charles Gauthier, May 4, WTFDA via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DXLD)

Glenn, Re: CJLO Montreal, et al.:

The U.S./Canada bilateral agreement for FM does not provide protection to the signals of allotments/assignments on the territory of the opposite country. This provision of the bilateral agreement was thought to be to Canada's advantage, since all of its major cities except Edmonton are so close to the U.S. border. Such protection is unusual in ITU Region II (the Americas).

The only exception I'm aware of is the U.S./E.U.de MÈxico FM bilateral. It does provide such trans-border protection, to the great annoyance of U.S. broadcasters in S. California and Tejas. (I haven't checked the TV bilateral as I am at home not at the office with access to the library! And I'm working from memory re S. America, where there are some bilateral and one trilateral FM agreement that I'm aware of).

In regions I and III (Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia) there is also transborder protection of LF and MF stations, but not to my recollection FM or TV (Ben Dawson, WA, May 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 2749-USB, May 4 at 0151, marine weather in French by man with heavy English accent; 0153 to woman in French, 0154 man, 0156 stops. Per <http://dxinfocentre.com/mb.htm#0%20ATL>
it's VAR-3 again, for if not from, Bay of Fundy, Nova Scotia (we still need to know exactly where it really is), scheduled at 0140 and some other :40 hours; shared with 3 other stations, but none next until 0240 VCS Halifax, both of which are bilingual unlike the other two.

When noise level permits on 2 MHz band I also check: 2598-USB for more Canadian CG weather, 2660 for the KGLD TX harmonic, and 2910 for the XEVX Tabasco harmonic; JBA carrier on 2660 is about all now (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 49 mb 0715-0745 UT May 6: [so 17 Hz apart]
6159.966, CKZU Vancouver, S=9+25 -48dBm in Alberta, 0717 UT
6159.983, CKZN St. John's, S=8 in NY east coast
(Wolfgang Bischel, Stuttgart, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6160-, May 7 at 0159, CBC poor but clear thanks to silence of Cuba from 6165; CBC promos, news jingle starts late 5 seconds after 0200; presumably CKZN at this early hour, not CKZU; no trace of a second signal, but this one is very slightly on the lo side (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 7850 - CHU - Ottawa - Recebido cart,,o QSL. 19 dias. V/S: Ilegivel. Informe enviado por email: radio.chu@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca. QTH: 1200 Montreal Road, Building M-36, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R6, Canad..

Alguns coment·rios r·pidos sobre as confirmaÁies:

A confirmaÁ,o da CHU È interessante pois fugi do lugar comum, que seria relatar a escuta da transmiss,,o de voz. A cada minuto ela transmite um sinal digital (FSK) que pode ser decodificado com relativa facilidade. Na decodificaÁ,o È apresentada a hora certa e data. Coloquei a representaÁ,o da tela do programa no qual fiz a decodificaÁ,o como detalhe da escuta.

Disponibilizarei em breve esse material interessante em meu blog.

73 (Ivan Dias Jr. - Sorocaba/SP
<https://www.youtube.com/regionaldx>
<http://ivandias.wordpress.com>
<http://twitter.com/ivandiasjr>
May 3, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Note: in case you find my term ``availablize`` a monstrosity, note that there is a direct equivalent in good Portuguese. English can benefit from such cross-pollination. He got a QSL for report on their ``easily decodable FSK`` rather than voice announcements (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** CANADA [non]. QSL: STF Radio via WRMI 7570, eQSL in 4 days, just like the eQSL that others have reported, for email report with various attachments (Bruce Portzer, Seattle WA, May 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA [non]. 17515, May 1 at 1737, poor signal, slow fades, sounds like praise music, language unknown; rather similar to WHRI 21600 but not //, and totally not // at 1750 when the latter is talking. Aoki shows 17515 as Bible Voice via Issoudun, FRANCE in Ethiopian languages at 1600-1800, certain days until 1830 or 1857, while Thursdays at 1730-1800 it's Oromo (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC [non]. UK, 17500, R. Ndeke Luka via UK, May 02 *1700-1710, 35433-25332, French, 1700 sign on with ID, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-

345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. 21695, VOA, Tinang. S/on 0858 for the Mandarin service, NF and a booming signal. CNR jamming began precisely at the end of the 0900 time pips on 2/4 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Double Bazooka antennas for 80 and 40 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), May Australian DX News via DXLD)

21530, Firedrake. No VOA here today, but this still going strong with usual banging and crashing performance music to abrupt 0500*, 4/5 (Craig Seager, VK2FEAE [sic], Bathurst NSW (Perseus, Icom IC-746, Hustler 5-BV vertical, Horizontal Loop, 1m amplified loop, Dream DRM software), May Australian DX News via DXLD) = 4 May

17615 Chinese, both at 06-07 UT: CHINA/CHINA 17615 at 06-07 UT, terrible mixture of two different Chinese language programs. Scheduled is CRI from Kunming 0600-0757 UT. But also co-channel disturbed by another like CNR word-spoken jamming, earlier on air against RFA Tinian US broadcast. Aoki Nagoya list mentions latter at 03-04 UT jamming and \\ RFA Mandarin outlet. RFA Mandarin scheduled 06-07 UT via Saipan-MRA 13790 and 17790 kHz, via Tinian-MRA 15615 and 17810 kHz. Chinese jamming stopped at 0700 UT, leaving CRI Kunming outlet in the clear. 73 wb (Wolfgang B.schel, Germany, May 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

10960, CNR1, MAY 2, 1030. W and M in Chinese. Poor. VG // on 12500. 12370, CNR1, MAY 2, 1030. M and F in Chinese. No other OB CNR signals heard in bandscan up to 18.2 MHz (Rick Barton, El Mirage AZ, Slinky & randomwire, Drake R8 and Grundig Satellit 750, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake and CNR1 jammer check morning of May 2:
13795, May 2 at 1357, CNR1 jamming mixed with target
13830, May 2 at 1357, CNR1 and Firedrake jammers during drumming, poor
15195, May 2 at 1354, Firedrake and CNR1 jammers mixing, fair
15115, May 2 at 1354, CNR1 jammer mixed with target, no FD
15265, May 2 at 1354, CNR1 jammer, plus usual het from off-frequency
15550, May 2 at 1355, CNR1 jammer, very poor, VOT het on lo side

17510, May 2 at 1357-1359:57*, Firedrake-only jammer, good! Aoki does not explain why this is on now, but 17510 is a jamtarget at 1300-1330 for BBC Uzbek via Oman; AIR English at 10-11; and RFA Tibetan at 01-02 & 06-07. Was BBC Uzbek extended? None in the 12s, 14s, 16s, 18s (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13740, CNR1 and Firedrake, MAY 3, 0915. Crash, boom, bang! Mixing with CNR 1 over (listed) VoA via Thailand (Rick Barton, El Mirage AZ, Slinky & randomwire, Drake R8 and Grundig Satellit 750, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake/CNR1 jammer search May 3:

16770, May 3 at 1259, CNR1 jammer, very poor but // 13830
15195, May 3 at 1253, CNR1 at good level, mixed with Firedrake, fair
13850, May 3 at 1256, CNR1 jammer, good
13830, May 3 at 1256, CNR1 jammer, very good
13795, May 3 at 1256, CNR1 jammer, fair; no others 12-18 MHz
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12190, CNR1, MAY 5, 1145. Sound of Hope? No, CNR1, armchair copy.

Note: no other out of band stations heard this hour on bandscan up as high as 18.2 MHz.

9680, Firedrake opera [sic] music jammer MAY 6, 1120. Colliding with CNR 1 and other unID, all co-channel. I have this listed for Chinese service of R Taiwan Intl. via Paochung (Rick Barton, El Mirage AZ, Slinky & randomwire, Drake R8 and Grundig Satellit 750, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17735, May 6 at 1303, CNR1 news sounders, very poor, but obviously here to jam BBC Uzbek via Thailand at 1300-1330.

18 CNR1 jammers circa 1330 morning of May 7; no Firedrakes:

11605, May 7 at 1332, CNR1 jammer, very poor with flutter
11640, May 7 at 1332, CNR1 jammer, poor with flutter
11785, May 7 at 1332, CNR1 jammer, fair with flutter
11805, May 7 at 1333, CNR1 jammer, very poor with flutter
13830, May 7 at 1331, CNR1 jammer, very poor; none in the 10s, 12s
13850, May 7 at 1331, CNR1 jammer, poor but heavy 13845 WWCR ACI
14920, May 7 at 1328, CNR1 jammer, poor
14980, May 7 at 1328, CNR1 jammer, poor
15115, 15195, 15265, May 7 at 1327, CNR1 inband jammers, fair as usual
15570, May 7 at 1325, CNR1 jammer, very poor with het on lo side
16100, May 7 at 1325, CNR1 jammer, good
16300, May 7 at 1325, CNR1 jammer, fair
17300, May 7 at 1320, CNR1 jammer, fair; first one heard, then others
17735, May 7 at 1320, CNR1 jammer, fair
18870, May 7 at 1323, CNR1 jammer, poor; none in the 19s

18990, May 7 at 1323, CNR1 jammer, fair; against the new RFA Tibetan via Kuwait panoply? Ivo's sked in DXLD 14-18 called for the 13-14 hour on Wednesdays to be on 18950, but Saturdays on 18990, so random jumps?
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15560, CNR1, MAY 7, 1645. Win Chinese to pop music, pips and sudden close at ToH. Hoping it was RFA via Guam [sic], but soon became apparent it is PRC jamming effort. Excellent (Rick Barton, El Mirage AZ, Slinky & randomwire, Drake R8 and Grundig Satellit 750, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 4990, PBS Hunan. Since April 17 have daily heard this dominating the frequency through to May 7, during monitoring from about 1230 to 1430. This was a rapid and dramatic improvement of reception, so assume something was done to improve their old transmitter or is a brand new one? Only occasionally now with AIR QRM (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and nonish]. 13570, May 1 at 1747, CRI English, fair-good with YL conversation; // 13760 which is a few words behind, as they are respectively: Xi'an, and Kashgar, EAST TURKISTAN. No more WINB on 13570.

13640, May 1 at 1746, CRI with Chinese lesson for Russians, good with flutter. This one is Urumqi, E.T.

13700, May 1 at 1758, good open carrier, 1800 CRI IS, ID in Mandarin and then in another tonal dialect, i.e. Chaozhou per Aoki, via Urumqi, E.T. EiBi abbr's it CC which means, alternately romanized, ``Chaochow (dialect of Min-Nan): China-Guangdong (10m), Thailand (1m) [nan]``. While standard Chinese in his system is M (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. FRANCE/CHINA. China Radio International hat seine Sendungen aus Issoudun mit dem Beginn des Sommersendeplans 2014 eingestellt. Damit endete eines der ältesten Relaisabkommen des chinesischen Auslandsdienstes. Nach dem Ende des albanischen Relais (1969-1978) hatte Radio Beijing fast ein Jahrzehnt lang keine Relaisabkommen.

1986 brachte ein Kooperationsabkommen mit Radio France Internationale den chinesischen Auslandsdienst zuerst auf die RFI-Station in Frz.-Guyana. Zwar wurde das Abkommen vorübergehend ausgesetzt, aber der Damm war gebrochen. Radio Beijing tauschte schliesslich auch Sendezzeit mit Schweizer Radio International (ab 1987), Radio Exterior de España (ab 1988) und anderen Auslandssendern. Von der blutigen Niederschlagung der Demokratiebewegung vom Platz des Himmlischen Friedens im Sommer 1989 blieben die Relaisendungen allseits unberührt.

Dem ideologischen Wettbewerb der Systeme war im internationalen Auslandsrundfunk mindestens ebenso viel pragmatisches Handeln zur

Seite getreten (Prof. Dr. Hansjoerg Biener-D, ntt May 1 via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 6 via DXLD)

** CHINA. VOICE OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA (Gov) Key: Plans uncertain at the moment. Service limited currently to Hainan province.
(WRTH A-14 Update May 5 via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DXLD)

Well, we had a recent report of it; no longer the case?? --- ``CHINA. CRI's "V. of South China Sea" service to SEAs in English with fair signal that deteriorated over time, 0640 4/10 on 17710 until 0700*. Program featured interviews with overseas Chinese. Tuned into this on a whim after running across the listing in WRTH (Chuck Albertson, Seattle, Wash., Sent via BlackBerry, WORLD OF RADIO 1717, DX LISTENING DIGEST 14-16)`` via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DXLD 14-19)

** CHINA [non]. Target: CHINA (CHN) UNIDENTIFIED STATION (Rlg) (NEW ENTRY), kHz: 7530, Summer Schedule 2014:
Cantonese/Chinese 2100-2130 daily CHN 7530* Key: * Site either dsb or tac, no further information given. As at time of publication, no ID had been obtained (WRTH A-14 Update May 5 via DXLD)

We first reported this, and hoped by now there would be an ID. Can't any Cantonese/Mandarin speakers find out? (gh, DXLD)

** CHINA [non]. Frequency changes of IBB: Radio Free Asia:
1400-1500 13635 TIN 250 kW / 287 deg EaAs Cantonese Mon, ex 12095
1400-1500 13700 TIN 250 kW / 287 deg EaAs Cantonese Tue, ex 12095
1400-1500 13635 TIN 250 kW / 287 deg EaAs Cantonese Wed, ex 12095
1400-1500 13700 TIN 250 kW / 287 deg EaAs Cantonese Thu, ex 12095
1400-1500 13635 TIN 250 kW / 287 deg EaAs Cantonese Fri, ex 12095
1400-1500 13585 TIN 250 kW / 287 deg EaAs Cantonese Sat, ex 12095
1400-1500 13595 TIN 250 kW / 287 deg EaAs Cantonese Sun, ex 12095
(DX RE MIX NEWS #851 from Georgi Bancov & Ivo Ivanov, May 6 via DXLD)

** COLOMBIA [and non]. 49 mb 0715-0745 UT May 6, 5910.068, Alcavaran R, S=8-9.
6010.063, UNID carrier, BRA? ZYE521 R Inconfidéncia, Belo Horizonte MG. weak, but stronger signal on upper side
6010.159, La Voz de tu Conciencia, Lomalinda, Puerto Lleras, Meta, CLM S=9+5 -65dBm very nice Latin American music
(Wolfgang Bischel, Stuttgart, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. Target: COLOMBIA (CLM)
LA VOZ DE LA RESISTENCIA á (Clan) (REINSTATED ENTRY)
Key: á Inactive at time of publication, after brief reactivation.
(WRTH A-14 Update May 5 via DXLD)

We had pointed out with the B-13 update that we were unaware of any

reports of it again on SW (gh, DXLD)

** CUBA. 1010, May 4 at 0558 UT, amid QRM I hear the ``RR`` Morse code ID of Radio Reloj; but WRTH 2014 shows no Cuban on this frequency!

Nearest is 1020, 10 kW in Victoria de las Tunas; don't think this was bleedover to next channel. How about R. Reloj's own frequency list?

http://www.radioreloj.cu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=39:cadenas-de-trasmision-de-radio-reloj-por-am&catid=12:programacion-de-la-emisora-radio-reloj&Itemid=138

indeed shows Tunas on 1010, not 1020, with 5 kW (was the town named for a fishing tournament or a musical competition? Ask Ernest) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 1140, Radio Rebelde (multiple sites). 1052 April 30, 2014.

Three, all out of synch. Canned promo for upcoming May Day events, complete with the classic Commie "The Internationale" as the music bed. A surprising and warm audio welcome. Weak Musical Nacional co-channel.

1200, Radio Sancti Sp̄iritus, Yaguajay, Sancti Sp̄iritus. 1109 May 4, 2014. WJUA, Pine Island Center, FL failed to appear this morning leaving this one alone and fair with nonstop orchestral scores, parallel stronger 1210. Female announcer from 1128 with ID. A few minutes later, co-channel WOAI (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 4765, May 7 at 0155, R. Progreso audio breakup and crackle during drummin' & strummin', also undermodulated and with ``running water`` ute audible underneath (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 10345, HM-01 APR 27, 0630. 12180, HM-01 MAY 6, 1030. In progress, found on bandscan looking for unusual signals during the hour. VG level (Rick Barton, El Mirage AZ, Slinky & randomwire, Drake R8 and Grundig Satellit 750, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Spies

** CUBA [and non]. 11670, R. Havana. Spanish to Europe, s/on 2100, NF and fair level with co channel AIR's English to Eu. Also noted on the Twente receiver as well, where AIR covers Havana completely. Woeful choice of frequency until 2230 when AIR s/off leaving Havana in the clear, 28/4 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Double Bazooka antennas for 80 and 40 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), May Australian DX News via DXLD)

6000, May 1 at 0105, RHC is absent from one English frequency but inhabiting the other, 6165. Not rechecked until 0142 when 6000 is also on, with clix (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9850, May 1 at 1242, RHC is celebrating its 53rd anniversary since its official launch in 1961y. A true anti-imperialist, José Alfredo Pineda ----, from San José, Costa Rica is congratulating them on getting going a few weeks after Playa Girón, and as of today adding FM (in Habana) 102.5.

15370 et al., recheck at 1304, now Arnaldo Coro is on the phone recalling how the first frequencies of La Onda Corta Experimental Cubana, precursor to RHC, were 21630, 11760, 11780. They soon abandoned 13 meters, forever!

It's coincidentally International Workers Day, with the big parade in Plaza de la Revolución, so we hear a bit of a speech replete with boring old catch-phrases, but not ``Patria o Suerte, Pensaremos'', mixed with singing the ``Internationale'', live? At 1308 some wild music and drumming, but just as we are getting into it, RHC cuts back to IS, ID and studio to resume 'Despertar con Cuba' with usual slanted news and feature reports, tsk2.

Meanwhile, at 1352 UT May 1, the incompetent DentroCuban Jamming Command celebrates the occasion by pulsing away on 11845, a long-abandoned R. Martí frequency, instead damaging the Hmong service of KSDA GUAM, at 1330-1400 alternating with Assamese and Malay depending on day of week.

13820, May 1 at 1759, multiple pulse jamming vs nothing with R. Martí gone from here, but more jamming atop where it really is now, 13605.

5010-5040, May 2 at 0055, extent of splatter from 5025 R. Rebelde out to plus/minus 15 kHz, and QRMing its own leapfrog spur on 5010 mixing with 5040 RHC, the latter also too strong to be bothered by the splatter.

Today may be RHC's 53rd anniversary, but that doesn't mean they've got their act together yet --- more and more anomalies:

6000, UT May 2 at 0100, no signal from RHC English; by 0103 the carrier is on, and by 0105 modulation, while // 6165 was on time.

9572 & 9588, May 2 at 0103, CRI relay on 9580 has some hum, and same pitch buzzy spurs 7 or 8 kHz above and below. The upper one is obvious, but the lower one is squeezed between 9570 Albania CRI relay, and 9575 Morocco.

12140, May 2 at 0114, RHC poor but readable here, 2 x 6070 which it matches, with 53rd anniversary talk. No harmonics audible on 12000, 12120 (blocked by uteblob), or 12330.

11760, May 3 at 0203, RHC Spanish has some CCI, near zero-beat, no het, also in Spanish. Aoki shows: V of Islamic Republic of Iran, in Spanish at 0020-0220, 500 kW, 274 degrees from Kamalabad. CIRAF targets per HFCC are 11 thru 15, i.e. all of South America except Patagonia; Central America; Caribbean including Cuba!

Altho RHC has used 11760 for 53 years, how can the Iranians know that, since Cuba refuses to participate in HFCC as that would entail negotiating with evil Americans?? Maybe turn on a radio? Naah. Altho RHC is atop here, situation should be much worse further east and south, including in the skip zone around Habana. Iran has another 11760 broadcast at 0320-0520, Azeri via Sirjan, aimed 336 degrees which happens to also be right toward North America.

6165, May 4 at 0105, RHC English is missing, way late coming on, but already running on 6000. By 0138 recheck, 6270 leapfrog with 6060 is on, therefore so is the fulcrum, 6165.

The DentoCuban Jamming Command continues to waste electricity, hence money, which might have gone to feeding undernourished Cubans, by powering multiple jammers at hours when there is nothing to jam, e.g.:

13605, 0058 UT May 4, multiple pulsing long after Martí is over

11930, 0527 UT May 4, heavy jamming but adding up to poor signals propagationally, long after Martí is over

9565 and 9805, 0533 UT May 4, more pulse jamming on unused Martí frequencies. The Cuban Commies apparently live in fear that RM will come on day frequencies at night, which they never do, being entirely too predictable.

7805, 7480, 7365, 0534 UT May 4, all with detectable pulse jamming. Could 7805 be a mispunch on one transmitter instead of 9805? 7480 is another stray with nothing ever really to jam.

7405, 0534 UT May 4, wall of noise jamming where it is ``needed'' but R. Martí is still readable.

11845, 1257 UT May 4, pulse jamming on long-abandoned Martí frequency.

11760, May 4 at 1249, RHC has fast SAH and CCI from CRI English via Kunming at 1200-1357. Commies vs Commies! By refusing to co^rdinate in HFCC, Arnie manages to collide with his good friends the ChiCom, who even over here mar reception on Habana's beam for ``Chicago``.

Add this to the collision with 11760 Iran in the evenings as in my previous report. IRIB does participate in HFCC altho not exactly

friendly with the USA, and even sent delegates to the HFCC in Dallas I attended (but they paid no attention to another collision I pointed out to them in person) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Cuba India Clash --- hello, I rarely am angry at international broadcasters; but I really am at India using frequencies without going through the usual rules. Clash of Cuba Spanish on 11670 kHz we can clearly hear India English underneath. I wrote a email to RHC and to Arnie Coro. Hope this gets resolved; there is no reason with all the shortwave spectrum to have this happening. I know they often clash with other broadcasters. This has to stop. 73 (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Canada <http://www.youtube.com/officialswlchannel> May 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Gilles, Your anger is misplaced! India was on 11670 before Cuba was. There was no problem in B-13, until Arnie decided recently to start using 11670 before India finishes at 2230.

Altho India's participation in HFCC comes and goes, this season it's in and including 11670 until 2230; they are following the rules, so it's entirely Arnie's fault for refusing to co^rdinate with anyone in HFCC.

BTW, today I could not hear a trace of India out here before 2100; horrible propagation today. Both stations would offer the excuse that we in North America have *no* standing in this case since neither transmission is intended for us. Both however are targeting Europe, so if Arnie really wants to get in there, he'd better move, but that would amount to admitting he made a big blunder, and not sure he can do that (Glenn Hauser, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Also: Rob Wagner reports in Australian DX News:

``11670, R. Havana. Spanish to Eu, s/on 2100, NF and fair level with co channel AIR's English to Eu. Also noted on the Twente receiver as well, where AIR covers Havana completely. Woeful choice of frequency until 2230 when AIR s/off leaving Havana in the clear, 28/4 (Wagner)'' (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6000, May 6 at 0109, another night with RHC unable to get this English frequency going on time: carrier is on, but dead air, and then it drops off the air for several split seconds. 6165 is OK. By 0114, 6000 staying on and undermodulating; 0138 up to sufficient modulation.

13740 is missing, May 6 at 0128, supposed to be in Spanish from 21 to 04.

6165, May 6 at 0542, RHC is absent from this English frequency, which I know was on after 0100; remains on the remnants of the Cuban Five, 6100, 6060, 6000, 5040 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

25 mb 0745-0820 UT May 6: 11930, SCRATCHING noise transmission, CUBAN jammer? 24hrs action? S=9 -71dBm, 11927 to 11933 kHz wide (Wolfgang Bischel, Stuttgart, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Yes

12140, May 7 at 0127, RHC Spanish quite audible tho very poor vs CODAR, 2 x 6070 harmonic.

5040, May 7 at 0153, surprised to find RHC in English here; normally the English hours on 5040 are only 23-24 and 05-06. Squealing transmitter rather like WEWN; pitch varies except during modulation pauses when the squeal is constant; it's also undermodulated.

Then at 0158 I notice that the intentional English frequency, 6165 is missing, while 6000 is on. Maybe 5040 has deliberately been switched from Spanish to English as compensation. Or maybe it's just SNAFU. Another hour of English is still on 5040 after 0200 with anti-American ``news`` as always, blasting VOA, RTVM and the ``mercenary media in Miami``.

13740, May 7 at 0158, RHC Spanish is back on after missing yesterday, also on 6060, 6070, 9810, et al., but not 5040 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6165, May 7 at 0617, RHC English is back on here, after missing from 0100 past 0200, and seemingly replaced during those hours by 5040 in English instead of Spanish. But now at 0618, 6000, which is supposed to be in English, is in Spanish instead, Prof. Coro with a science segment. English remains also on 6060, 6100; and 5040 is off.

** CYPRUS [non]. 9955, UT Thursday May 1 at 0145, WRMI starts the repeat of 'European News Net' from Famagusta; number one story there this week is a controversy concerning the British rock band Deep Purple --- yawn. Pulse jamming ranges from inaudible to annoying (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EAST TURKISTAN. 4850, PBS Xinjiang, 1314, May 5. Fair reception with their Kazakh service. No sign here of AIR Kohima for quite some time now (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CHINA [nonish]

** EGYPT. 9315, May 3 at 0157, surprised to find no signal at all here from R. Cairo, yet 9965 in Arabic has very good steady strength, so not due to propagation. No, not back on previous frequency 9720 either. 0201 retune, now the 9315 transmitter is on as R. Cairo opens

English to North America amid heavy hum and distortion. Then goes into deep fade and gone again, and back up again. This must be due to the transmitter/power fluxuating, unusual situation; but they might as well turn it all the way off if they can't fix the modulation.

9315, May 6 at 0120, no signal from R. Cairo supposed to be in Spanish. 9965 in Arabic has good signal; 12070 in Spanish very good signal level, but extremely distorted modulation; 11710- just barely modulated in presumed Spanish hetting ARGENTINA, q.v. HFCC shows all these are Abis site, but it has no monopoly over Abu Zabaal when it comes to severe transmission defects (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9965, R Cairo MAY 6, 0045. Music and M in Arabic. Armchair (Rick Barton, El Mirage AZ, Slinky & randomwire, Drake R8 and Grundig Satellit 750, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Strength, but surely defective modulation (gh, DXLD)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. GUIN... EQUATORIAL, 5005, RNGE, Bata. Sinal ausente, desde 5.TM-f.TM, 1/5, a dom., 4/5. Bons DX e 73 (Carlos GonÁlves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) e mais?

** ETHIOPIA [and non]. 7237.1, R. Ethiopia, Geja Jewa. A weak signal and sandwiched between CRI 7235 and PBS 7240, and creating one almighty het with 7235. Noted with a long local ballad and French at 1730. Difficult listening on 10/4 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Double Bazooka antennas for 80 and 40 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), May Australian DX News via DXLD)

¶ 21/4 at 0400 and on 7237.3 on 16/4 at 1801 with iDimtsiÖErtranÖî or Voice of Democratic Eritrea in vernacular. On 7237.3 from 1600 was in English and from 1700 in French with Radio Ethiopia program (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF2001D, Folded Marconi ant 16meters long), May Australian DX News via DXLD)

7237.2, Voice of Peace and Democracy? Ethiopie, 1808 tig 5mai14 (Michel Lacroix, from Saint-Paul near Beauvais, France, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. CLANDESTINE, 17850, Oromo Voice, May 03 *1600-1610, 35433-35333, Oromo, 1600 sign on with opening music, ID, Opening announce, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. BBN RADIO (NEW ENTRY)

kHz: 15165, Summer Schedule 2014:

Amharic 1900-1930fss ETH 15165iss±

Key: ± Variable frequency, up to 10 kHz either side of nominal.

(WRTH A-14 Update May 5 via DXLD)

?? You mean in other than 5 kHz steps? In DXLD 14-14 we had Ivo's schedule showing any 5 kHz from 15155 to 15180 on a complex pattern depending on day of week and week of month (gh, DXLD)

** EUROPE. FRS-Holland tests imminent --- After a few months' silence FRS-Holland will be on air with a test next Sunday May 4th. The test will be on 7700 kHz and will be aired twice:

- 1) 0752-0900 UT/ 09:52-11:00 CEST
- 2) 1752-1900 UT/ 19:52-21:00 CEST

In case 7700 kHz cannot be used for some reason, there are a few alternative frequencies you could try: 7685, 7705 or 7715 kHz.

We are understandably curious how reception is in your area. We've done antenna maintenance as well as carried out a few modifications on the modulator. So we would be happy to hear from you about reception quality including signal strength and modulation (loudness, quality). Correct reports will be verified with our standard color QSL showing the official FRS logo.

FRSH hopes to return with a full broadcast early June. Unfortunately the proposed February 23rd broadcast had to be cancelled. Currently we are working very hard to have the brand new FRS website online some time this Summer. Tune in next Sunday! All the best,
The FRS Team (Jan van Dijk, Roger Davis, Dave Scott, Paul Graham, Brian, Bobby Speed & Peter Verbruggen) (via Dave Kenny, May 1, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD) Also I posted in advance on the dxldyg, but no one replied as having heard it; should I not bother? (gh, DXLD)

** EUROPE. The big cultural event next week is the annual Eurovision Song Contest which started in 1956. This year, 37 countries participate in the Contest and it is organized for the third time by DENMARK! It takes place in the former Shipyard Burmeister & Wain Halls in Copenhagen with two semifinals on May 06 and 08, and the big Final on May 10. It is broadcast live by all member countries of the European Broadcasting Union. Watch that unique multicultural event!
(Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window April 30 via DXLD)

** FRANCE. 13750, May 7 at 0611, good signal in tonal African language. It's Hausa from RFI via Issoudun at 0600-0630; had not noticed it before. Now it's the second SSOB after 13630 Australia (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE [and non]. 7205, RFI, Issoudun. French to WAF and CRI - Xian in English to SAf at 2145, fair signals and both at equal level here. I was hoping they'd fix this problem for A14, but alas hope faded once I tuned in this morning! Obviously, they think it's such a great frequency that neither broadcaster is willing to give it up --- or something like that!! Maybe it's just not a problem in the respective target zones, although I find this hard to imagine, depending on where you live in that magnificent continent!! 2/4 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Double Bazooka antennas for 80 and 40 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), May Australian DX News via DXLD)

** FRANCE. QSL: AFRICA [non]: Radio Sawtu Linjilia (Voice of Gospel) via Issoudun 15315, FD eQSL in about a day for email report sent to Media Broadcast. V/s was Michael Puetz (Bruce Portzer, Seattle WA, May 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GOA. 7250, AIR, Panaji. There appears to be a serious transmitter fault here with a loud high-pitched squealing tone accompanying the audio in their Malayalam service at 1735. Pity, as it was a lovely strong signal but listening was difficult through this noise. 10/4 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Double Bazooka antennas for 80 and 40 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), May Australian DX News via DXLD)

** GREECE. Greek pirate stations observed in April (usually with Greek folk music & talk) on 792, 963, 1287, 1350, 1368, 1386 (plus harmonics on 4158 & 5545 kHz) and 1539 kHz. Greek station also heard on SW 4801.5 (a harmonic but not heard on MW). Serbian techno music heard on 1715kHz (plus harmonics on 3430, 5145, 6860, 10290 kHz) at 1740 on 20 April (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, 20-25 April, May BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** GREECE. 7475 // 9420, May 4 at 0112, Greek music, with Avlis apparently still controlled by the dismissed ERT workers; nothing audible on other 7, 9, 11 or 15 MHz channels.

7475 fair and 9420 good, May 6 at 0117, Greek music from Elleniki Radiophonia; nothing on other 9, 11 or 15 MHz channels.

9420 VG // 7475 G, May 7 at 0124 with Greek music; nothing on the other frequencies of Elleniki Radiophonia (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15630, May 8 at 0117, very poor signal with Greek talk, // best 9420

and second-best 7475, so all three Avlis transmitters are on tonight
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. NERIT LAUNCHES FIRST PROGRAM

Greek Reporter May 5, 2014

<http://greece.greekreporter.com/2014/05/05/nerit-launched-first-program/>

The New Greek Radio, Internet and Television (NERIT) has begun transmissions and launched its first program on Sunday. NERIT has also announced it is planning to cover local and European parliamentary elections.

The sudden closure of its predecessor, the Hellenic Broadcasting Corporation (ERT) last June caused a public outrage and the withdrawal of the Democratic Left from the coalition government of Prime Minister Antonis Samaras. The Greek government had claimed that the former broadcaster was ineffective, with 2,600 employees and annual costs amounting to 300 million euros (\$416 million).

NERIT began transmissions on Sunday with staff from EDT, Greece's interim public broadcaster, which went on air last in July 2013 by rehiring ERT employees.

According to NERIT's president, George Prokopakis, the broadcast launch would be modest. He also stated that procedural problems had delayed the launch, which was initially scheduled for April 27.

However, the Greek government's decision to shut down ERT is still being criticized. After more than 10 months it is more than obvious that the shutdown of ERT was a hasty and slipshod decision, said a commentator of the influential daily, as reported by To Vima.
(via Mike Terry, May 7, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DXLD)

Just a reminder that NERIT has a website at <http://nerit.gr> --- currently streaming TV and First and Third [radio] programmes. There is also a on-demand archive of TV news bulletins (David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUATEMALA. 4055, R Verdad MAY 3, 1045. Man with religious lecture in English. Good. 4055, R Verdad, MAY 6, 1108. Hymn "Holy" x3, to M in English. Excellent Still fair-good on recheck just after 1130, tho local sun should be up and rising there (Rick Barton, El Mirage AZ, Slinky & randomwire, Drake R8 and Grundig Satellit 750, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HUNGARY. 18117-USB, May 1 at 2053, HA5AGS, L-jos, calling CQ and with quick contacts; suspect a contest tho no pileups here. Per <http://www.qrz.com/db/HA5AGS?ref=1304388105>

he is Lajos Veres, Rozsa U. 2., 1214 Budapest, Hungary
Name is pronounced LAH-yosh, as I know from my R. Budapest Hungarian
lessons of yore. Nothing happening on 21 or 24 MHz bands (Glenn
Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) But see also SLOVENIA

** INDIA. 17670, May 1 at 1736, tone of about 1 kHz, plus some hum,
fair with flutter; 1743 tone off and AIR IS starts; 1745 sign-on AIR
GOS in English with this and several other frequencies to Africa; 1746
programme summary. Aoki shows this is 250 kW, 245 degrees from Delhi-
Khampur site, and unlike other languages earlier on same, this one is
*jammed by the ChiCom where too many people understand English now
(but no jamming heard), even if aimed at Africa. This off-beam signal
from the middle of the night in India on such a high band continues to
seem unusual here; it does fade down by 1800 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 9690, All India Radio, 1416 May 3, English, co-channel WRMI
with Christian programming, woman spoke for several minutes about
Russia, with mentions of elections and Pakistan, but I couldn't
understand the topic. Poor (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia,
Listening in my car, by Kalamalka Lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1
active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7550, AIR via Bengalore, ID 1830 English, excellente musique tradit /
s4, courrier des auditeurs, 5mai14 (Michel Lacroix, from Saint-Paul
near Beauvais, France, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A-14 schedules of All India Radio is now available in their official
website as follows:

<http://allindiaradio.gov.in/Profile/Radio%20Network/Pages/default.aspx>
Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, May 2, dx_india yg via DXLD)

1230-1500 6155 DEL 250 kW 334 deg SoAS Sindhi hfcc: 6165
1615-1730 ?9495?DEL 250 kW 282 deg NE/ME Hindi ?9445?
(comments by Wolfgang B.schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

[more abnormalities:]

1615-1730 7249.979v PAN 250 kW 300 deg WeAS Hindi
1615-1730 ?9495? DEL 250 kW 282 deg NE/ME Hindi ?9445 - off air?
9445/9495 - both couldn't be traced May 5th.

What about this Delhi registration 9445 / in AIR website, 9495 kHz
instead? Nothing on air this afternoon.

1730-1945 9620.075v ALG 250 kW 282 deg NE/ME Arabic
Aligarh only with carrier on air, stn lost feed from Delhi bc house.

1730-1830 7249.979v PAN 250 kW 300 deg WeAS Malayalam [see also GOA]

1745-1945 11580 ALG 250 kW 282 deg NoAF En
Aligarh not on air May 5th.
1745-1945 17669.994v DEL 250 kW 245 deg EaAF En
(Wolfgang Bischel, May 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Jose, refurbishing work at Aligarh? Heard not on May 5th and 6th
[WORLD OF RADIO 1720]

0845-0945 15770 ALG 250 kW 132 deg SoEaAS Indonesian
Aligarh not on air May 6th.

0845-0945 17510 DEL 250 kW 132 deg SoEaAS Indonesian
0845-0945 17875 BGL 500 kW 120 deg SoEaAS Indonesian
73 wb (Wolfgang Bischel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 19740, 1259 May 4, AIR Vividh Bharati (2 x 9870), Bengaluru / Doddaballapur, 8147 km. My late uncle's portable "dxpedition stove" still giving loyal service on my dxpeditions 30 years after he passed away; goodness knows how old it was because he'd not been well enough to go on dxpeditions since the 70's. A dxpedition is nothing without a hot cup of tea. Anyway awful conditions today but spent the Day at a local high spot called Marsh Hill Common, in Staffordshire. Tim Bucknall, G-ST87 Marshes Hill Common, nr Brown Edge, Staffordshire, 02w12/53n05, Hyundai VDO Car Radio, Tecsun PL-300wt, Icom IC-R7000, Alinco DJ-X11e, RTL 2832 Dongle modulator cb whip, 1.5m whip, car aerial. Replaces The Roaches as my preferred spot for DXing the west (Tim Bucknall, Congleton, UK, harmonics yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DXLD)

** INDIA [and non]. Another station clashing with All India Radio is Radio Taiwan International (via France), which uses the AIR frequency of 6155 for English to Europe at 1800-1900 UT. It was negligent of the French to put the RTI relay during the current A-14 season on an Indian frequency that, although intended for Pakistan, propagates so well into Europe and which has been causing serious interference to the RTI service. There are plenty of clear channels in the 6 MHz band during the relevant time-slot that could have been chosen instead (Roger Tidy, London, UK, May 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CUBA: 11670

** INDONESIA. 9525.9, indonEsie 1430 eng yl 25avr14 (Michel Lacroix, from Saint-Paul near Beauvais, France, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Should have been in Indonesian during the 14-15 hour (gh, DXLD)

9526, Voice of Indonesia, 1300 to 1302 May 3, many IDs as woman concluded the Japanese program, then dead air and no English program,

checked periodically through to 1341 and always just an empty carrier.
Fair (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car,
by Kalamalka Lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna,
Editor of World English Survey and Target Listening, available at
<http://www.odxa.on.ca/dxldyg> via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. GLOBAL BREAKFAST RADIO FOLLOWS THE SUNRISE AROUND THE WORLD --- 04 May 14 by Duncan Geere via Wired.co.uk

Wouldn't it be awesome if it was breakfast all the time? That's the question that writer Seb Emina asked systems artist Daniel Jones, possibly over toast and crumpets. The pair have partnered to build Global Breakfast Radio -- an online radio station that broadcasts radio from wherever it's breakfast time right now.

"Whether or not you eat breakfast, the start of a new day embodies a certain optimism and freshness -- it's almost like a period of free time, when you've not quite shaken off the fug of sleep and not yet started to get bound up by the stresses of the day," explains Jones. "As the sun rises on the Greenwich Mean Line, you'll hear breakfast programmes from around the UK, Iceland and West Africa; the broadcast then moves westwards, following the sunrise across the Atlantic islands, sweeping over America and then into the Pacific."

"The effect is that of following the sunrise around the planet, but in radio form," adds Emina. "You get to explore some of the tens of thousands of stations, big and small, that are broadcasting at any given moment. I've always been fascinated by internet radio and the ability it gives me to listen to radio stations from places I have never visited and only have the tiniest (or no) inkling of."

The pair has carefully curated a list of more than 250 stations from every time zone on the planet -- a process that's taken more than 12 months and involved listening to a lot of breakfast radio. "There's something magical about eavesdropping on a local radio station from Nepal or a small town in South Carolina, something that reminds me of the early promise of the web, that it would allow us to explore in quite an unfiltered and open way," says Emina.

Among the stations included are a traditional "oompah" station from Germany called "Alpenmelodie", a kids' broadcaster from Novosibirsk in Russian Siberia, and a Chamorro music station from a small village in Guam which has been broadcasting since 1954. Emina says that finding stations over the world's larger oceans was a challenge. "It was a real relief to find stations like Praia FM in Cape Verde and KNBA from a small Alaskan island called Unalaska."

On the technical side, Jones describes the complexities of time zones

as "like opening a nested set of Pandora's boxes". He says: "Just as you think you've pinned down the distinction between an ISO 3166-1 Country, Dependent Territory and Special Area of Geographical Interest, you are hit with the excruciating vagaries of variable Daylight Savings [sic] Time."

One of the most interesting things about the project is seeing what the world listens to. "We wanted it to be representative of international radio as it really is, which meant putting in all kinds of genres and styles," says Emina. Digital music aficionados might notice that the output bears a little resemblance to the algorithmically-generated playlists built by Spotify or Pandora. "The difference is that here the algorithm is mediated by the day-long cycle of the Sun sweeping the globe," says Jones, "tied together with the myriad broadcasters in these far-flung locations."

But with this comes myriad difficulties, explains Jones. "We soon discovered that internet stream URLs seem to decay and disappear extremely quickly, meaning that the database of stations needs to be constantly tended. We seem to have accidentally signed ourselves up for a Sisyphean battle against internet bit-rot."

Which stations are its creators' favourites? Jones picks out R·dio GumbÈ, broadcasting from Guinea-Bissau, calling it "perfect morning music". Emina says: "I think my current favourite is WMMT, a "mountain community radio" station from Kentucky as I love the music they play." "I'm also really into Capital FM. Not the London pop station, but the chat and pop station from the island of Vanuatu." You can listen to Global Breakfast Radio at <http://globalbreakfastradio.com>

(May CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

11820, May 3 at 0204, very nice flute and string music, // weaker
9790. Once again I am getting VIRI's Kazakh service, *way* off-target yet with a VG signal on 11820, whose azimuth is 5 degrees from Sirjan, not too far from near-transpolar route to here. Music turns out to be only relief during otherwise talk feature, more of same every few minutes, 0210, etc. (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CUBA [non]!

9689.894, V of Nigeria Hausa program from Ikorodu hardly heard in very disturbed 31 mb this night 20-21 UT on May 3rd. Much scratchy terrible spurious signals from 9830 kHz fundamental IRIB Kamalabad in Albanian, and spurs on

9607 - 9619
9756 - 9768
9684 - 9699
9888 - 9909
9959 - 9975 kHz.

IRIB 9830 kHz S=9+45dB up to 2 both 11 kHz wide span (Wolfgang Bischel, May 3, BCDX May 6 via DXLD) See also NIGERIA [and non]

** IRAN [non]. Frequency changes of IBB: Radio Farda
1530-1700 5860 IRA 250 kW / 315 deg WeAs Persian, ex 9390 from May 4
1700-1730 5860 IRA 250 kW / 310 deg WeAs Persian, ex 9390 from May 4
(DX RE MIX NEWS #851 from Georgi Bancov & Ivo Ivanov, May 6 via DXLD)

7280, Radio Farda, Grigoriopol [sic!]. 0038-0130 18/4, music program with mix of Middle Eastern music and US pops; numerous IDs and some Farsi talks. Good signal (Richard A. DiAngelo, Wyomissing, PA USA (Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton E1, Eton E5, Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4), May Australian DX News via DXLD)

PRIDNESTROVYE? Where did you get that? A site IBB has never used, AFAIK. HFCC A-14 shows this is really via Nauen, GERMANY (gh, DXLD)

7280, May 6 at 0116, Mideast music at first with a Qur'anish tinge, very poor amid heavy QRHaM. Helps a lot to tune USB only with narrow bandwidth on the PL-880. It's only R. Farda, 0030-0400, 250 kW, 105 degrees from Nauen, GERMANY, per HFCC and Aoki (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [non]. CLANDESTINE, 15680, R. Mehr Iranian, May 02 *1630-1640, 33433 Farsi, 1630 sign on with opening music, ID, Opening announce, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRELAND. Church listings: transmitting on Saturday and Sunday for various events:

27605, Immaculate Conception of the BVM, Newcastle

27605, Saint Mary's Church, Bally-Heigue

27725, Church of Dermoy

27735, Saint John's the Baptist, Coragh

27941, Diocese of Dromore

27791, Saint John's the Baptist Church, Kinsale

27765, Saint Muchin's Church, Rockhill

Other unIDs on 27601, 27811. All have been received in parts of Europe. Maybe they will make it to North America (Sam Barto, CT, QSL Report [sic], May NASWA Journal, retyped by gh DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Note: mode is typically NBFM, also many in UK/Ireland North. Source? Not cross-checked against this huge 13-page list of them, bookmark:
<http://www.udxf.nl/WPAS%20List%20March%202014.pdf>
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY. 10000, Italcable-Viareggio, 1845-1905, May 1. Time signals over instrumental music. Some sort of pulse before 5 more pips followed by a long pip on the minute and a male with words in Italian. At 1900 there was some CW after the long pip. Poor to fair (DiAngelo-Santorini, Greece)

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** JAPAN [and non]. QSLs: Radio Japan via Nauen-15445, Dhabbaya-14640, and Palau-11925. A minor Radio Japan QSLing binge produced cards in about 2 weeks for all 3 sites. Reports were sent to nhkworld-at-nhk.jp (Bruce Portzer, Seattle WA, May 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15735, UZBEKISTAN, NHK World Radio Japan, 1400 May 3, time pips, signature music, into English with iThis is NHK World, Radio Japan, broadcasting from Tokyo.î, 1401 news by David Crystal and woman co-announcer. Good (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car, by Kalamalka Lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Japan - NHK World Radio (via Singapore) heard with fair reception (some side splash from nearby Korea) to Southeast Asia in English on 5/5/14 on 11740 at 1200 UT with ID and news; 1215 with Easy Japanese language lesson skit until 1226. Frequency notices given at 1229. (See below). Also heard next day on 5/6/14, same frequency, at 1215 with Focus program on conveyor belt sushi restaurants followed by a segment of shortwave radio reception tips and satellite radio broadcasting.

Radio Japan - NHK World Radio English Language Schedule:

0500: 5975; 11970.

1000: 9625.

1200: 11740.

1400: 11705; 15735.

1800: 9755 (Larry Zamora, Garland, TX, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. Radio Nikkei, 5/2/14, 9595, 1204 UT, very good reception with nice selections of continuous jazz music -- a good station for long sets of music when announcers are not talking (Larry Zamora, Garland, TX, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. QSL: Kanagawa Prefectural Fishery Information Radio Station,

JFC, 8568, sent a QSL certificate showing a picture of the transmitter site. The QSL message was specific as to call, date, time, mode, frequency power, and antenna. It was received in 18 days after sending a postal report for an HF-FAX transmission. Address: 1-7 Harumi-machi, Miura-city, Kanagawa prefecture, 238-0232 JAPAN (Bruce Portzer, Seattle WA, May 2, dxldy via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. 13988.5 - JMH - Tokyo Meteo - Recebido carta QSL e de agradecimento. V/S: Ilegível. Informe enviado por email: h_ichijo@met.kishou.go.jp QTH: Japan Meteorological Agency, Ote-machi 1-3-4, Chyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8122, Jap.,o.

A confirmação da JMH é a mais "bonitinha" que já recebi em 20 anos de hobby. Além de ter sido fruto de uma captação de Fax quase perfeita (que em breve colocarei em meu blog), o papel timbrado da Agência Meteorológica do Japão é cheia de figurinhas engraçadas do mascote de tal órgão do governo (Harerun). Fez eu lembrar dos selos da Hello Kitty em uma confirmação que tenho da Radio Nikkey.

Disponibilizarei em breve esse material interessante em meu blog.

73 (Ivan Dias Jr. - Sorocaba/SP
<https://www.youtube.com/regionaldx>
<http://ivandias.wordpress.com>
<http://twitter.com/ivandiasjr>
May 3, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 15630, R. Free Chosun via Palauig [sic]. Fair in Korean 1302, seems to be mixed some sort of jamming, 26/4 (Craig Seager, VK2FEAE [sic], Bathurst NSW (Perseus, Icom IC-746, Hustler 5-BV vertical, Horizontal Loop, 1m amplified loop, Dream DRM software), May Australian DX News via DXLD) NO, via UZBEKISTAN now as we had already reported (gh, DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. UZBEKISTAN. New time and frequency change of North Korea Reform Radio:
1430-1530 9300 TAC 100 kW / 070 deg KRE Korean, ex 1500-1600 on 9380 73! (DX RE MIX NEWS #851 from Georgi Bancov & Ivo Ivanov, May 6 via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. Open Radio for North Korea, one of the handful of private radio stations that targets North Korea, has reportedly ended broadcasts to the country. The Seoul-based station is understood to have suspended shortwave broadcasting at the end of March after a grant from the U.S. government used to pay for the transmissions apparently ended.

In common with the other private stations that target the DPRK, Open Radio bought time on transmitters located in the region. It broadcast two shortwave transmissions a day via Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. The

station had to put up with constant jamming from North Korean authorities. U.S. government funding data shows the Open Radio project received at least \$300,000 in 2009 and \$148,500 in 2011 in grants from the Department of State (North Korea Tech web site 15 April via May BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) UZB and TJK are not ``in the region``

** KOREA SOUTH. new frequency 6135, KBS Hanminjok Bangsong 1 (presumed). On May 2 tuned in here at 1241 to check if N. Korea had already started their jamming in preparation for Shiokaze's sign on, but no jamming heard; instead was hearing an UNID Asian station that sounded Korean and playing EZL pop songs; 1300 - "How to Learn English" language lesson ("I want to mail this package. . . Where are you sending the package?" etc.) in English and Korean, along with cute English song incorporating all the English sentences given in this lesson. At Aoki database found this station listed, along with "May 1." 10 kW? Sounded more like 100 kW? Good audio at -

<https://app.box.com/s/phqiof55x2ye7l6qr019>

The only problem here now is that N. Korea sometimes starts the jamming of Shiokaze well before their 1330 sign on. So the question now is will N. Korea start noise jamming of KBS as they do on 6015? Believe that reception of Madagascar and Yemen on 6135 will be much more difficult now with KBS here.

[Later:] 6135, UNID and presumed KBS station. Seems this is NOT Hanminjok Bangsong 1 as I had presumed. Further monitoring reveals this frequency clearly not // to 6015 (KBS Hanminjok Bangsong 1). Seiichi Hasegawa also confirms is not // Hanminjok Bangsong-1 on 972 kHz. nor Hanminjok Bangsong-2 on 1170 kHz. Mauno Ritola has also been working on IDing this, but so far we have not come up with an ID, but I feel it's a major broadcaster like KBS, due to their programs.

Frequency is assigned to KBS per -

<http://www.hfcc.org/data/schedbyfmo.php?seas=A14&fmor=KBS>

but which KBS?

May 6, on 6135, again hearing the daily English language lesson ("I will," "I will tell him," etc.) from 1300 to 1305; today's lesson heard without the N. Korea pulsating jamming in preparation for Shiokaze's sign on; in fact at today's (Tuesday) Shiokaze sign on at 1330, with Chinese, there was still no jamming, unlike yesterday that had jamming long before sign on.

6015 (KBS Hanminjok Bangsong 1) on May 6 was in the clear (no white noise jamming) from 1235 till jamming came on at 1248. May 5 with no jamming at all from 1205 to 1230 with news in Korean; after each report IDed with "KBS news," per brief attached audio.

Mauno reported May 6 - "at 1645 both 6015 and 6135 kHz are heavily jammed by that normal growling white noise sound," with programming

not //.

Hope to eventually tie down which service of KBS is now on 6135, which just started this month. Thanks to both Sei-ichi and Mauno for their valuable assistance! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ron, if you have some clips I would be happy to listen to them to you. I can speak Korean. If you can get one for the top of the hour it would be best. On the clip that you provided here, there is a story about a quick start and stop accident on the Apsan Cable Car in Taegu after the "KBS news" ID (Bill Harms, MD, ibid.)

Thanks, Bill, for your kind offer. Will check through my audio files to see if I have a decent 6135 recording other than the English language lesson. Today on 6135 was listening to a program of EZL songs before 1300, but no ID or anything at ToH; just went straight into the daily English language lesson. Thanks again and interesting to find out what was on the audio I posted here (Ron Howard, ibid.)

6135, UNID KBS service. Noted Aoki has now replaced "KBS Hanminjok Bangsong 1" with just "KBS," which I believe is correct, but still the question - which KBS service? May 7, quick check at 1245 found 6135 already with pulsating noise jamming (getting ready for Shiokaze *1330), blocking the UNID KBS service. Still needs more monitoring! Will help when Shiokaze moves off this frequency, taking the N. Korea jamming with them!

6015 (KBS Hanminjok Bangsong 1), for the third day in a row on May 7 heard in the clear from 1232 till the start of the white noise jamming at 1250; strong signal and good reception. Thanks again to Bill Harms for informing what was on yesterday's posted audio (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Later: 6135 turns out to be new clandestine on SW, Voice of Freedom, formerly on FM and DMZ loudspeakers only; details already in DXLD yg, and in next DXLD, WOR]

** KUWAIT. 9750, Radio Kuwait, 1524-1536, Apr 29, Recitations followed by Arabic language talk by a woman announcer. Nothing listed seemed to fit but Wolfgang Bueschel helped identify this as a long standing Radio Kuwait broadcast from 1100 until 1600 closedown. Fair to good signal (DiAngelo-Mykonos, Greece)

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Greek broadcaster. The bands seemed to have plenty of stations on them during the late afternoon into the evening hours. It seemed like a lot more activity than back home (Rich D'Angelo while vacationing in Greece (Mykonos and Santorini), Sangean ATS-909X, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

15515, R. Kuwait, May 02 0815-0825, 35333, Arabic, Koran, ID at 0822 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15540, R. Kuwait. I rarely hear Kuwait's only English transmission, as I'm not often listening at 1800 s/on. By 1805, it was into a full-on religious program about Islam as the only true religion. Very good signal on 4/4. Later heard on the same day with unscheduled news in Arabic at 2100 until suddenly off at 2110 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Double Bazooka antennas for 80 and 40 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), May Australian DX News via DXLD)

15540, May 6 at 2045, western pop music from R. Kuwait; a little better reception than usual, but still only fair with deep fades vs local noise level. 2050 time check for 11:50 and news in English. First two minutes about his hiness the emir, mentioning Sabah several times and nothing to do with Malaysia, but apparently with football. 2052 on to international news: Syrian opposition groups; Yemeni government forces, air strikes vs al-Qaida group; UN Secretary General and some civil war, which? UN Human Rights about something; Ukrainian elexions; New York stox; sports, local weather, Wednesday's forecast hi: 41. 2057.4 news is over, back to some music; 2059 quick sign-off announcement with English schedule still imagining that 15540 is on the 25 meter band; very brief anthem by band finishing just in time for the accurate timesignal until 2100:00, switch to news theme and starting Arabic news but cut off at 2100.5*. No finesse by the transmitter operators, but the studio ops are obviously accomplished at back-timing.

17550, R. Kuwait Arabic service has already been on for an hour and has somewhat better signal than 15540; news continues on 17550, but this transmission is interrupted from 2101.8* to *2103.2, after which it seems a bit stronger. Was some antenna/transmitter change made during this break? None scheduled. News continues until 2115, and music, but it's only theme, relief, same sounders every few seconds during talk feature. I was hoping for some continuous music to nap by (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Don't you believe a log credited to me in the May NASWA Journal of this on ``11755`` as the frequency somehow got renumbered (gh)

** MADAGASCAR. QSL: ENGLAND [non]: BBC Somali service via Madagascar 11805, nice FD QSL card partly covered with grasscloth. It was received 18 days after sending an email report plus MP3 file to the transmitter site operator: monitoring-at-mglob.mg (Bruce Portzer, Seattle WA, May 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. NO signal from RTM Sarawak these days, now not even via stream! (Zacharias Liangas, Greece, May 2, WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Neither 9835 nor 11665? (gh, DXLD)

7295, Traxx FM, 1325 May 3, English, pop music, iRadio Malaysia, Traxx FM IDs at 1331 and 1333. Fair.

11665, Wai FM, 1334 May 3, Bahasa Malay, pop music, 1338 woman announcer and into Islamic call to prayer. Fair (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car, by Kalamalka Lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Harold ñ Indeed nice to be able to hear these two stations, plus I can also hear Asyik FM on 6050. What is very unfortunate is that this past week Radio Klasik (5964.69) has been off the air every day and Sarawak FM (9835) has been silent now for several weeks or more (Ron Howard, CA, ibid.)

** MEXICO. Glen[n] mentions, and has in the past, that he is highly dubious that XEWA [540] is running anything like their listed 150 kW power, as they're certainly not dominant on this frequency as they once were. CBK normally pretty much blocks the frequency here, but I used to hear them on auroral conditions through CBK, and that hasn't been the case of late. Even when I was listening from Guanajuato, Mexico in March, XEWA was not dominant at night, as they should have been at 150 kW (Nigel Pimblett, Dunmore AB, May CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

** MEXICO. 660 MEXICO XEAR La Mexicana, Tampico, Tamaulipas. 1025 May 3, 2014. Spanish ballads, frequent "la Mexicana" dropped between songs with mention of the FM. Some Progreso co-channel (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 960, May 2 at 0501 UT during another KGWA Enid Fox-hole of dead air, with its hummy carrier nulled as much as possible, again the Mexican NA is what's audible, 0502 ID as ``XEK, la EstaciÛn Grande de Nuevo Laredo, desde 1937, 5 mil watts de potencia`` and into other music. No XEW chimes heard this time.

960, May 3 at 0501 UT, for the third time this week, previously April

28 and May 2, XEK, Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, is the inhabitant of KGWA's Fox-hole of dead air: ID mentions it started on ``17 de mayo de 1937, en el 960 de su radio, con 5 mil watts``; choral NA but very short, only about a minute without the multiverses, then playing same ID announcement again, 0502 on to music. May we expect something special on May 17, 2014? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1010, May 3 at 0217 UT, from SSW, talk about the Familia García, mentions Coahuila and a .7 FM; seems to be religious-tinged advice show, 0219 romantic or devotional song, 0223 fading. Per Cant· there are two in Coahuila, but XEVK fits better:

1010 XEKD K De Oro Cd. Acuña, Coah. 500 250

1010 XEVK Tu Recuerdo + FM 106.7 Torreón, Coah. 5,000 1,000

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1060, May 2 at 0503 UT, XEEP MÈxico DF manages to dominate despite night power reduced from 100 kW to 20, and helped by banning of other XEs from this frequency, a `clear channel` down there if not north of the border --- as they are mentioning XEPPM, 6185 onda corta, which tho unchecked, should be closing down about now after separate programming during the evening (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. As noted in the logs above, Glenn Hauser reports on a new Mexican X-bander on 1700 kHz. After his first logging of the Mexican anthem on 1700, his correspondent Julián Santiago Díez de Bonilla in Mexico advised that a new station was on the air in the MÈrida, Yucatán, authorized for 50 kW day, 1 kW night. Licensee is the Cultural Foundation for Mexican Society (whose initials in Spanish match the callsign XEFCSM). An interesting target to look for, but of course, there is other Spanish on 1700, with KKLF switching to a Tejano format from their previous comedy format. Thanks to Glenn for alerting us (Nigel Pimblett, Dunmore AB, May CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

He didn't say it was ``on the air'', but in the federal documents. Subsequently not heard by a monitor in MÈrida --- tho it might have been on the air testing when I heard an XE on 1700 (gh, DXLD)

** MEXICO [non]. 6010, seems XEOI, R. Mil, MÈxico is silent again; has anyone heard it lately? 6010, May 2 at 0058, poor signal with YL in Brazuguese, but no het so seems Colombia and Mexico are both away, leaving R. Inconfidéncia; 0102 ZY- IDs for all their outlets (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [and non]. 6185, May 5 at 0523, poor signal with drumming and fluting, sounds native-American, so XEPPM is on later than usual 0500* not only with carrier but undermodulation too. Worst QRM is from second-adjacent supersig of WHRI 6175 with Vietnam relay splattering; Brasil 6180 betwixt quite insignificant now.

At 0532, WHRI is off, so RNA gets to ACI Radio EducaciÛn all by itself, and XEPPM is still on with ID for 1060 running 100,000 watts of potency, webcast, no mention of SW now, but of significant date 5 de mayo; and I can barely make a // on 1060 which is supposed to be only 20,000 watts at night, vs dominant presumed WLNO New Orleans, if not KIJN Farwell.

6185, May 6 at 0542, XEPPM is off, unlike last night. I guess it's just a matter of when they get around to turning off the SW transmitter, maÔana (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1415 UT May 1 --- my months of watching analog snow on channel 2 are finally rewarded with net-7 bug in lower right, antenna south, probably XHTAU Tampico. Lasted only a few seconds so far, but seemed a bit long for MS. 6m Es maps show only one contact between Ohio and Florida. So, watch out! 73, (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, dxldyg, ABDX yg et al., via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Congrats on breaking the seal on a new season! (Kevin Redding, Crump, TN, ABDX via DXLD)

Months of watching analog snow on channel 2 are finally rewarded, May 1 at 1415 UT when in fades a signal from the south, enough to see the big net-7 Azteca bug in the lower right, likely the usual XHTAU in Tampico, Tamaulipas. It lasts a few seconds, but seemingly too long for meteor scatter, so this is the first sporadic E for months as the summer season is beginning. 1445 UT another brief fade-in on channel 2 NTSC, this time with Spanish audio, promo for ``El Mundial en Cable'', i.e. watch the World Cup not OTA but by wire. The 6m Es maps for hams were showing only one contact between OH and FL, then nothing.

Monitoring channel A2 NTSC with antenna south starting around 1415 UT May 2: At 1457 brief fade-in of video, no bugs visible; then a bit of audio trying but can't tell if Spanish.

1521 UT May 2, channel 2 fades in with animated Galavision logo. Per <http://www.w9wi.com/web/tv-channels/2.html> the *only* channel 2 station of any power on Televisa 9 network is: ``Hermosillo, SO XHHMA-TV 30,000 Z H 29-04-29N 110-57-35W XLIC S:Televisa 9`` tho I fear it is not so positive, as other Televisas, especially ``local'' ones may promo net 9 or even carry some of its programming part-time. Further snatches of ch 2 video were visible occasionally past 1530; 1606 two weak signals CCI; 1609 after ads back to `Matutino Express` which is a Foro TV = Televisa 4 network show, with the Facebook-like f bug in the lower right; but W9WI.com shows not a single net-4 on 2! Hoping for a stronger sporadic E opening, and it's starting to build as I wrap this report.

Continuing sporadic-E TV DX opening May 2 from previous report: no big build-up but more peaks here and there:

1645 UT, ch 2, fade-in, bug in upper right, unknown

1725 UT, ch 2, square bug in lower right, unknown, talk show

1753 UT, ch 2 & 3, toons on Televisa net-5, oval italic 5 bug in lower right; briefly stronger video on 3, little if any audio, meaning MUF between 62 and 67 MHz. This 5 is well inside what might be any overscan or HD corner.

1758 UT, ch 2, novela in and out briefly, no bug visible.

Big sporadic E TVDX opening in progress as I turn on with antenna south at 1405 UT May 4: heavy CCI on channels 2, 3, 4, 5, so the usual frustration of trying to pull out anything identifiable.

1411 on 5, net-5 bug in lower-right, during animation; XHGC itself?

1414 on 4, 'El Sonido del Domingo' graphic, program title? Cooking segment judging from big guy in apron. That name is too generic; I don't google anything connected with Azteca or Televisa

1412 on 6, MUF is up to here, 1413 graphic X-MEN

1417 on 87.75, now with the PL-880 on for FM DX, channel 6 audio fades in here briefly, while I am seeing a net-7 ID on 6 video, but not necessarily from same station due to CCI which is same offset now

1418 on 4, Azteca-13 bug in upper right, CCI, talk show

1438 on 88.7, only FM DX found, in talk show, M&W discussing 'BÈsame', apparently a song they play a bit of rather than a certain AM station in the DF; 1442, several promos mentioning ``FÛrmula 970 AM'', i.e. the FÛrmula network flagship in Mexico City, XERFR, relayed all over the country, even on FM, with precious few local IDs. Plug the Brasil Mundial, Grupo FÛrmula; 1445 promo show ``En Viva Voz'', newscast?

Signal holds up well on the PL-880 with attached whip only at ground level, which is an advantage here, getting nothing much from semi-local KLVV Ponca City by groundwave. 1455 fades out, 1502 fades in; 1520 still talk show with good peaks; some tuning up the band as far as 97 MHz finds nothing else from MÈxico. So whence is it?

Cant' shows two FÛrmulae on 88.7:

88.7 XHJX Radio FÛrmula QuerÈtarro + AM 1250 QuerÈtarro, Qro.

6,000
88.7 XHEX Radio FÙrmula + AM 1230 Culiacán, Sin. 25,000

And so does WTFDA FM database:

XHJX-FM 88.7 QUERETARO QRO 6.0 6.0 Spanish RADIO F"RMULA QUER...TARO + AM 1250

XHEX-FM 88.7 BELLAVISTA SIN 25.0 25.0 Spanish RADIO F"RMULA + AM 1230

I was leaning toward QRO till I started getting TVDX from Baja California, but that's later:

1541 on 3, real estate informercial with large-font crawler mentioning Rosarito BC et al., from WSW and surely XHBC Mexicali, still in analog! 1545 with Mexican phone number and AC (619) = San Diego CA

1555 on 4, dominant signal from WSW with loud audio, CCI; 1559 credit roll with music

1618 on 4, soccer on Televisa 2 net with Star bug in lower right; 1626 promos for net-2 with good view of large Star. Still aimed WSW. 1635 also a program? bug in lower left of a reverse C in a circle, or like a crescent. Probably XHBS-TV Los Mochis, Sinaloa, the only one in that part of the country per W9WI.com

1647 opening is fading out, with some remnant CCI on 2 only (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONGOLIA. MONG"lia, 12085, Voz da Mongòlia, Khonkhor, 0900-1100*, 05/5, programa em inglês; programa de mandarim, às 1000, em japonês, às 1030; 24432, mas em ascendente, quando costuma ser bem o contrário. Será que os técnicos da emissora não conseguem manter um áudio limpo, sem traços de sobremodulação? Ela é particularmente notada durante as emissões em inglês e mongol. Bons DX e 73 (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldy via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. 9730.0, Myanmar Radio, Wednesday, May 7 from 1104 to 1118 with ABC/Radio Australia segment "Lesson 18 - Out on the Ferry"; better than last Wed. reception (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldy via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Mighty KBC 9925 is now 00-02 UT Sundays only. Ex-7375, announcing 125 kW. Studio Holland, xmtr Germany. On Eton E10 w/Sony ANLP-1, signal max (5). Sounds like some crazy pirate, totally unknown rock music, uses phrase "The Giant Jukebox". They seem to be interested in where they are being picked up (George Sherman, MN, May 3, MDXC yg via DXLD)

9925, May 4 from 0053 tune-in, The Mighty KBC via Nauen, GERMANY, now on new summer frequency, at 00-02 UT Sundays. It's better overall than

7375 was, but with plenty of selective fading distortion on the obscure rock music. Plugs ``listener appreciation contest`` several times including 0120; see regulations at <http://www.kbcradio.eu> --- runs the rest of the year; PL-660 is the prize (model embracing it not included?); send reception reports with mandatory program comments. Circa 0130, Kim Elliott's Radiogram minute. 0145-0150 Kraig Krist's Forgotten Songs segment, so tuning in at 0150 would have missed it. This time, Melanie Safka's ``Lay Down (Candles in the Rain)`` from April 1970 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. Radio New Zealand International, 5/3/14, 9700, 1230 UTC with ID and a war documentary drama program (Larry Zamora, Garland, TX, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [and non]. 11769.874, V of Nigeria in Hausa westwards in direction of W Africa, likely more muffled audio quality. Already at 2058 UT on air, approx S=7-8 signal, and disturbed by music program from SRDA Curitiba PR Brazil on 11764.734 kHz, and latter psermon prayer started late at 2107 UT (Wolfgang B.schel, May 3, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews May 6 via DXLD) See also IRAN [and non]

** NORTH AMERICA. 6940-USB, May 7 at 0107 music, 0108 announcement sounds like R. Free Whatever style, mentions ``another crackpot show``, closing with ``Whatever!`` to 0109.4* and a few unID words a bit later. 0110 a stronger pirate comes on, ``Where have you gone, comrade? I want more music, over``. These are in faux-Russian accents. The May CIDX Messenger illustrates the RFW QSL which is in faux-Cyrillic. (Do the Russians ever joke around with faux-Roman letters? I doubt it.) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

According to Dick Weed, the name Radio Free Whatever was first used in 2009. iFriends of ours went on with that name but only very seldom. Since they mothballed the name for long periods I thought I would "borrow" it for just a broadcast or two.

I went on with my first real show about a year ago. At the time I had no in-depth knowledge of SW, other pirates, or the forums. A friend talked me into giving it a try. I thought SW pirating was silly. I didn't expect there to be much of an audience and I didn't think am or ssb broadcasting posed any challenge.

Once I did a show and saw the immediate reaction on the forums I was surprised. People actually cared about it. These people were my kind of people; people who love radio. People who realize radio can still be great without all that corporate and government control.

The technical aspect of getting everything to sound good with a strong signal also got me addicted. Getting good broadcast quality AM out of

modern solid state ham gear is tough. Hi fidelity SSB ain't no picnic either. The challenge is there and I enjoy that.î - DW

The banter between Dick Weed and Stephen was a hit. Whether they were talking about the music being played, what a ismoke showî the singer was, their success, or lack thereof in the bedroom or pirate activities, all of this being done in their Russian accents is all very entertaining. As time went on they developed several programming formats, the original being the live music show, taking requests from posters on the hfunderground or via email to dickweeddj@gmail.com

The itime warpî shows, featuring the history of World War Two, using radio news reports made during the war and between them, playing music popular during that year as well. There were five different shows for each year of the war from 1941 to 1945. They also have a iQRMî series featuring heavy metal music, an iRPMî series featuring older tunes on vinyl records and a icassette rewindî series for mix tape type music from the 1970s and 1980s.

Radio Free Whatever T-Shirts. RFW was the first of three pirates to start using <http://www.booster.com> to help raise money by selling t-shirts this past winter. Their transmitteris power supply had blown up and Dick Weed had lost his job so this was a way to help pay for their new transmitteris PS. The shirts arrived in early March, very attractive and well received by the pirating public. Radio Free Whatever has been well heard throughout eastern North America and if you hear Dick and Stephen, donít forget to send them a report! (Chris Lobdell, Free Radio Scene, May CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6150 AM, PIRATE-NA. Channel Z, 0158-0232* 05-03-14. SIO: 343. Featuring British pirate DJ Andy "The mouth of the south" Walker with "Before They Were Famous" part 4. Tunes by Bill Medley, Pink Floyd, Toni Basil, Fleetwood Mac, etc. Frequent IDs and greetings to listeners (Chris Lobdell, Stoneham, MA 02180, Eton E1, JRC NRD-545; G5RV, 40 Meter Dipole, NASWA Flashesheet via DXLD)

6150.5, PIRATE (No. Am.), Channel Z, 0126, 5/3/14. Music, then talk by OM, faded down, 0133 back up with apparent skit. Poor. ID from HF Underground (Mark Taylor, Madison, WI, Perseus, WinRadio g313e, Eton e1, Grundig G5, Tecsun PL 660; EWE, Flextenna, NASWA Flashesheet via DXLD)

A report elsewhere claimed this was a Europirate, why? Also, an editorial mixup in the May NASWA Journal pirate column published a log as if I had claimed Horizon FM was the one on 6150+! (gh, DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. 7185-LSB, "Radio Station YHWH" (religious pirate), 0217-0234*, May 5. Again found in the 40m ham band. Reported to Chuck

Skolaut (K5BOG), Field & Regulatory Correspondent ARRL, whenever I find this in the ham band; Chuck has monitors trying to locate this pirate with direction finding equipment (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

John Carson in OK says May 6, ``Glenn, The YHWH pirate is being pretty bold these days. Last week he was doing his thing on 7194 LSB plus or minus. This week he is on 14274.75 USB, still IDing as YHWH and seemingly not worried about the FCC. Wonder if many others are hearing him and where the transmission are coming from? I first heard YHWH at approx 0415 UT on 7182 LSB on 27 April. 7194 LSB was last Wednesday at approx 0315 UT and 14274.75 was last Saturday night at 0345. Always on the ham bands.'' But also in the SWBC bands ---

11725-, May 7 at 0113, my frequent bandscans make it easy to recognize something extraordinary, on a frequency normally vacant: four notes with variations making up an interval signal, 0115 YHWH ID and says he is going to read an article. Very slightly on the lo side compared to other 25m carriers, not including the ones which are way off. Fair with deep fades vs storm noise level. Not rechecked until 0152 when he's gone. Another new frequency. Then Ron Howard heard YHWH starting at 0302 May 7 on 7300 (Glenn Hauser, OK, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, After my alert on May 7, Jim Young, for the first time, did hear YHWH on 7299.991, till off at 0408 (Ron Howard, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi: I saw the mention of YHWH on Glenn Hauser's May 6th entry on SWL and wanted to add what I did a couple of months ago. I heard this station in February for the first time on 3845 kHz LSB, the 80 meter ham band. At first I thought I was listening to a international broadcaster on a wrong frequency, but after listening for a while, I realized the station was not legit (the call sign should have started with a W or K). I came on the last ten minutes of his program, so I got to hear this guy's weird proselytizing along with the strange music he plays at the end of his broadcasts. I went to HF Underground and found several entries for this station, many on ham bands. I went on the ARRL web site and found a guy who could handle interference complaints like this. I sent a e-mail to him telling him what I heard. His reply was that this was the first time he has heard of the station and that if I heard the station again, please pass along what I hear.

It's apparent ARRL will not do anything without a active ham being involved. It looks like it will take several enterprising ham operators to catch this guy. Perhaps a few could brush up on their RDF experiences and set up a nightly ham net to look for this station. The

FCC says hams should be able to police their bands and this will be a good example of this. This will make for interesting listening, more than just exchanging 73s or talking about health problems.

I recently acquired a used ICOM IC-R70 using a inside wire antenna. This is the set-up I used when I heard the pirate. I do have future plans to use a outside dipole (Dan Ramos, Joshua Tree CA, swl at qth.net via DXLD)

I seem to recall a station on 3840 or maybe 3845 playing music at various times over the winter. I never did stick around long enough to try and catch an ID (Steve Lare, Holland, MI USA, ibid.)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. 780, May 4 at 0132 UT, open carrier/dead air looping for KSPI Stillwater, and little signal from WBBM yet, even when the carrier is nulled; recheck 0158 UT now OC off, and mostly C&W from Colorado. FCC sunset in May for KSPI is 0130* (June & July 0145*); at least they didn't leave it on all-night as sometimes happens (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1140, May 1 at 0134 UT, station with 405 area code, and promo for Perry Broadcasting, which mean's it's certainly KRMP OKC, a daytimer. Official FCC sunset for April, still in effect for this zone is 0100 UT; in May it will only be 0130 UT; June & July the latest at 0145 UT. So they are cheating --- but wait, they do have a PSSA:
http://licensing.fcc.gov/cgi-bin/prod/cdbs/forms/prod/getimportletter_exh.cgi?import_letter_id=3279

of 6 watts yearround, but this is no 6 watts, more like full daytime power of 1 kW ND, for an extra bihour, until 0300 UT in April, 0330 UT in May, 0345 UT in June & July --- but what good is 6 watts vs 50 kW XEMR Monterrey, which is presumably the one already QRMing it here with 1 kW, and making a SAH of 78/minute = 1.3 Hz? (XEG is in on 1050). (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1640, May 3 at 1221 UT, KZLS Enid in open carrier, dead air except for pervasive hum; comes to life on hourbottom for Blaze ``news'', ending at 1232 UT and back to dead air. Why should anyhuman at the station listen to their own output?? Can it be that hard to run automation so it's fail-safe or sets off silence alarms? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 90.1, May 3 at 1359 UT amid 'Performance Oklahoma' on KUCO Edmond, on the DX-398 I notice the RDS has been updated to statically display: 90.1KUCO instead of KCSC-FM. So far no other AM or FM station has grabbed the available KCSC call (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 91.7, May 6 at 1330 UT, KOSU announcement by Kelly Burley

about OSU applying for transfer of license to itself for KOSN 107.5 Ketchum-Tulsa, which they have been renting (I think). Go see the paperwork at an address in Grove OK; inconvenient. I asked Kelly Burley about it:

Hi Kelly, I heard your announcement at 8:30 this morning about KOSN, but didn't catch all the details. Is it on your website somewhere? Haven't found it. Would you please explain in plain English what this is about? OSU wants to own the facility instead of rent it? Looking at FCC info about KOSN, I see a bunch of applications concerning Public Radio Capital, Boulder and Tacoma. Did I also hear something about Public Radio Tulsa? Is KWGS involved in this transaction? I see licensee listed as PRC-I Tulsa LLC. Thanks, (Glenn Hauser, Enid, to Kelly Burley, KOSU, via DXLD) He replied:

``Greetings Glenn, Here is the text of the on-air announcement. I've also attached the FCC assignment application, which is a matter of public record. Kelly

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PRC Tulsa I - LLC, the licensee of noncommercial Radio Station KOSN, 107.5 MHz, Ketchum, Oklahoma, gives notice that on April 28, 2014, an application for consent to assign the license to Oklahoma State University was filed with the Federal Communications Commission.

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(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. KOTV, KWTV, KOCM: see U S A TVDX report

** OKLAHOMA. ``TV-OK'', Enid's only local on-air TV station, now enters its third(?) month of broadcasting nothing but extremely repetitious 'Discover Oklahoma' shows, and occasionally a related one, 'Outdoor Oklahoma'. There are long pauses of black where commercials are presumably expected to be inserted. And at odd hours, ID slide for KXOK-LD, as well as KTEW-LD, channel 18 in Ponca City, and K35JY, the translator in Lamont.

These are on the RF 31 transmitter in downtown Enid, and duplicated on the inter-city relay RF32 transmitter from same site, with weaker

signal here, as 31-1. 31-2 still is labeled M-FOX, but only color bars and silence. 31-3 is still active showing a good signal bar, but totally black and silent; formerly with Azteca.

One day I was surprised to find in my Box 1684, a DVD from Discover Oklahoma addressed to TV-OK, which is Box 1683! Before remailing it, I wrote on the envelope, ``when are you going to broadcast something besides this, resume Retro TV``?? I bet they wonder how in the world that got on their mail, if they ever received it.

Anyhow, KXOK is still on autoplay of the same DVDs episodes over and over. And how does your restaurant or other business get publicity on 'Discover Oklahoma', by merit or by paying for it? A very gray area (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Enid's cable-access channel, Pegasys, which had been an independent organization, was de-funded and taken over by the City of Enid earlier this year, its longtime director Wendy Quarles dismissed (but with a severance package), to considerable controversy locally. Last year it had to move out of its facility as the building was to be demolished to make way for a new downtown hotel; it moved across the street to the ``Non-Profit-Center'', really installed in a hallway which was never intended to be a TV studio. Now, it's moving again several blocks away to what had been the City's visitor center on the main drag, Owen K. Garriott. Three cable channels are involved, 11, 12 and 19. Eleven has been the main one, with Twelve for overflow, miscellany, and Nineteen for continuous graphic PSAs. Now this week, all three are simulcasting with ``Enid Community Bulletin Board'' originally on 19 only, with a notice it's because of the relocation on April 29, but still no resumption of regular programming as of May 2. Now it's the Enid Television Network [sic], forwarded from <http://www.pegasys.org> (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Some programming resumed May 5, but still lots of down time, ``no signal available`` with running clock (gh)

** OMAN [and non]. 15355, May 2 at 0116, good signal in Arabic, RSO here instead of 9500 where it's supposed to be after 0000 and where we usually hear it. 15355 is really the SSOB, stronger than 15160 Spain and than 15720 New Zealand, the only other 19m signals of any consequence (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15140, Radio Sultanate of Oman, 1434 May 3, English, man with news and ID. Fair (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car, by Kalamalka Lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PALAU. QSL: T8WH-9930, FD QSL card in 293 days for a postal report sent to Indiana. V/s was "LWV" in the Engineering Dept. Return address

on the envelope was 61300 Ironwood Rd., South Bend IN 46614. QSL was postmarked Charleston, SC, so it was apparently mailed from the Cypress Creek transmitter site (Bruce Portzer, Seattle WA, May 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) LWV = Larry W Vehorn? (gh, DXLD)

[and non]. 9930, T8WH World Harvest Radio, 1316 May 3, Sat/Sun only broadcast, with preacher beginning iPower of the Gospelî, QRM from Brother Stair on WTWW. Poor (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car, by Kalamalka Lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9930, Sunday May 4 at 1244, gospel huxter in Spanish! wrapping up with a South Bend address, 1245 switch to English for another out of Jeffersonville IN. Sufficient signal from T8WH, with WTWW not yet on to Overcome it. Aoki shows at 1230-1245 Sundays, 'Eternal Good News' in English, and so does WHR's own schedule upon which no doubt Aoki is based. Must be a bonus of doing business with WHR, as there is no significant Spanish audience in SE Asia, unless remnant of the colonial era in Guam, Marianas; Filipinas, where Tagalog is heavily Spanish-influenced (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3905, May 2 at 1155, AM carrier stronger and steadier than Japan 3925, but no modulation; 1200 trace of talk modulation; continuous QRhM from 3903-LSB. 3205, May 2 at 1158, weaker carrier than 3905; anyhow, these two correspond to the (only?) two most recently active PNG stations as reported by Ron Howard; 3205 being Vanimo, 3905 Kavieng (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3365, NBC Milne Bay, 1309 May 3, Tok Pisin, pop songs heard during several checks. Poor and fading into noise.

3905, NBC New Ireland, 1309 May 3, Tok Pisin, pop music, DJ commenting on music, time check and trying a telephone call but no one on other end, PSA and back to music. Fair (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car, by Kalamalka Lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Harold ñ Has been nice the last few days to find much improved reception from PNG. Today, earlier than your logs, noted 3260 (NBC Madang) doing fairly well till 1203*. Today Dave Valko was hearing PNG on 3205, 3260, 3365, 3385 and 3905, so an excellent PNG day (Ron Howard, CA, ibid.)

Thanks to Dave Valko's timely alerts, have recently been hearing more NBC stations.

3260, NBC Madang, 1142-1203*, May 3. Poor/QRN; in Tok Pisin/Pidgin

with pops songs.

3325, NBC Bougainville, 1202-1216*, May 7. This had not been heard by me in a long time! Mixing with and slightly better than RRI Palangkaraya. NBC with DJ in Tok Pisin/Pidgin and playing pop songs (no news segment), while RRI was all talk with the Jakarta news. Great to hear this one again, thanks to Dave Valko!

3385, NBC East New Britain, 1201*, May 4, 5 and 6. Always going off the air via a timer; very nice to find them back again and is by far the strongest PNG being currently heard.

7324.95, Wantok Radio Light, after recently hearing them again, gave another listen at 1406 on May 5 to find no trace of them at all (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 5980, R. Chaski, Urubamba. Fair, best resolved in USB, Spanish, 1110, typical Andean format, but no specific ID heard 25/4 (Craig Seager, VK2FEAE [sic], Bathurst NSW (Perseus, Icom IC-746, Hustler 5-BV vertical, Horizontal Loop, 1m amplified loop, Dream DRM software), May Australian DX News via DXLD)

5980, May 1 at 0100, R. Chaski carrier with some musical modulation at 0109 to cutoff at 0109:53* which is eleven seconds later than 48 hours ago.

5980, May 2 at 0057, R. Chaski carrier with heavy splash from 5990 Cuba/China, but splash soon off leaving Urubamba alone until autocutoff at 0109:59* which is 6 seconds later than yesterday.

5980, May 4 at 0100, R. Chaski carrier with some modulation making it, until cutoff at 0110:11* which is 12 seconds later than 32 sesquihours ago (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5980, R. Chaski, Cuzco, 2237-2250, 04/5, castelhano, propaganda religiosa e canÁies a condizer; 45433, alguma distorÁ„o durante a passagem de m'sica. Bons DX e 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

FYI: as you should have noticed, altho the text of DXLD is properly accent-rich, we never put accents on the all-caps country headers, in case that would confuse searching. However, if the name properly has an accent, it may appear immediately following in lower or upper case. Per' would in Spanish, but in Portuguese it does not need one, as a final -u is automatically stressed (gh, DXLD)

5980, May 6 at 0100, R. Chaski carrier and some modulation, until cutoff at 0110:21.5* which is 10.5 seconds later than May 4.

5980, May 7 at 0106, R. Chaski carrier remains until cutoff at 0110:28* which is 6.5 seconds later than yesterday (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5980, May 8 at 0109, R. Chaski carrier still on until off at 0110:33.5* which is 5.5 seconds later than yesterday. Storms further south in Oklahoma make for a high noise level, so not much porch monitoring tonight, also very windy (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. Recent letter from FEBC states that all mail should be sent to the following address: FEBC, PO Box 14205, Ortigas Center, Pasig City 16051, Philippines (Allen Dean, Padham, Lancashire, England, UK, Eton Satellit 750 / 10m LW; Grundig S450 DLX, May BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** ROMANIA. Radio Romania International, 5/3/14, 17680, to Europe; sometimes opens up with a poor to fair signal in the last half hour or quarter hour of their broadcast; 1138 UT with ID and DX Mailbag program, a Romanian culture program, and ended with a one minute cooking show (Larry Zamora, Garland, TX, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Saturday

11975, May 4 at 1955, weird music until off with no announcement at 1956.5*, whence? Back on at *1957 with RRI IS. HFCC shows both RRI, going from Romanian to French on same 300 kW, 285 degree beam from Galbeni, so why any break? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Some of the music shows on RRI, at:
2220-2255 on 11940, 9790, 9765, 7430
and next UT day
0020-0055 on 11955, 9700
0320-0355 on 11825, 9645, 7350:
Sun/Mon: All That Jazz
Mon/Tue: Romanian Hits
Wed/Thu: Romanian Musicians
Thu/Fri: The Skylark
Fri/Sat: Truly Romanian
(From Listening Review, Alan Roe, May NASWA Journal, via gh, DXLD)

** RUSSIA. ADYGEYAN REPUBLIC - RUSSIAN FEDERATION / ADYGEYAN REPUBLIC: Today is 29 April 2014 Tuesday and at 1700-1800 UT on 7325 kHz there is not any station. The published in RUS DX # 38 schedule of Adygey Radio is partly incorrect. For decades A.R. is on the air on Mondays, Fridays and Sundays (and not on Tuesdays). Now Fridays from 1700 and on Sundays from 1800 in Adygeyan and Mondays from 1700 in Adygeyan

followed by translations in Arabic and Turkish (some items in Turkish text are add also translated in Kurdish) - all on traditional for our summertime frequency 7325 - all observed on 21, 25 and 27th April (Rumen Pankov / Sofia / Bulgaria, RusDX May 4 via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DXLD)

** RUSSIA. QSL: Voice of Russia via Irkutsk 5900. This one was probably my final QSL from them. FD (including transmitter site) QSL card in 33 days for report sent to letters-at-ruvr.ru (Bruce Portzer, Seattle WA, May 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non]. Voice of Russia QSL for broadcast on WZHF --- Despite the crisis with Russia and with the closing of the shortwave stations, the Voice of Russia still sends QSL cards. I received the one below at the URLs for a 2 April 2014 report of their program on WZHF in Arlington, Virginia on 1390 kHz.

http://dxclipjoint.com/qsl/Voice_of_Russia_WZHF_20140402_1390_aa.jpg
http://dxclipjoint.com/qsl/Voice_of_Russia_WZHF_20140402_1390_bb.jpg
http://dxclipjoint.com/qsl/Voice_of_Russia_WZHF_20140402_1390_cc.jpg
(Bill Harms, Elkridge, MD, May 1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So, the Voice of Russia still gets to be heard in our nation's capital, unlike the Voice of America, in theirs (Glenn Hauser, *ibid.*)

Moscow --- Russian service "Voice of Russia" published a schedule of broadcasting on the FM band

Armenia

<http://rus.ruvr.ru/images/static/frequencies/armenia.pdf>

Georgia

<http://rus.ruvr.ru/images/static/frequencies/georgia.pdf>

Kazakhstan

<http://rus.ruvr.ru/images/static/frequencies/kazakhstan.pdf>

Crimea

<http://rus.ruvr.ru/images/static/frequencies/krim.pdf>

Kyrgyzstan

<http://rus.ruvr.ru/images/static/frequencies/kyrgyzstan.pdf>

Latvia

<http://rus.ruvr.ru/images/static/frequencies/latvia.pdf>

Lithuania

<http://rus.ruvr.ru/images/static/frequencies/lithuania.pdf>

Moldova

<http://rus.ruvr.ru/images/static/frequencies/moldova.pdf>

Tajikistan

<http://rus.ruvr.ru/images/static/frequencies/tajikistan.pdf>

Ukraine

<http://rus.ruvr.ru/images/static/frequencies/ukraine.pdf>

Estonia

<http://rus.ruvr.ru/images/static/frequencies/estonia.pdf>

Also there is a DAB- broadcast in Switzerland and 3 communications satellite.

http://rus.ruvr.ru/radio_broadcast/frequencies/

(Aleksandr Diadischev, Ukraine / "deneb-radio-dx" via RusDX May 4 via DXLD)

** RWANDA [non]. CLANDESTINE, 17870, R. Inyabutatu, May 03 *1603-1615, 35433-35333, Kinyarwanda, 1603 sign on with ID, Opening announce, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SARAWAK [non]. QSL: R. Free Sarawak: 14/02/11 1130 UT 15420 kHz, Card, 55 days, \$2, EE, Bruno-Manser-Fonds, Socinstrasse 37, CH-4051 Basel, SWITZERLAND (Shinobu Ono, via Toshi Otake: JSWC QSL Information, May 2014, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

CLANDESTINE, 15460, R. Free Sarawak via Philippines, May 03 1223-1230*, 35443, Iban, Talk, ID at 1228 and 1229, 1230 sign off (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
See also WORLD OF HOROLOGY: INFORMATION HERO

** SERBIA. 3430 harmonic, Serbian pirate music station. From fundamental 1715 kHz, often mentioned here, on 20/4 at 1730 noted on 1715 // 3430, harmonix 5145, 6860 and 10290 with talks in Serbian and instrumental techno music (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF2001D, Folded Marconi ant 16meters long), May Australian DX News via DXLD)

** SLOVENIA. 18114-USB, May 1 at 2049, S57DX calling CQ 17, quickly working KC9YWN, W5GJ, W2JGQ, and immediately knows each one by handle ñ presumably out of his computer log. I thought he was spelling his name as Clavko, which seemed odd, but QRZ.com
<http://www.qrz.com/db/S57DX?ref=1203975959>
shows SLAVKO CELARC, OB IGRISCU 8, 1360 VRHNIKA, Slovenia, and has lots of photos, previously operating in Darfur and South Sudan. Seems to prefer 100-foot towers (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALILAND. Radio Hargeisa 7120 kHz, two iDate/Frequencyí cards. On the old style (top photo) and one new style cards in 22 days from v/s Baldur Drobica, Consultant, for \$3 US. Report sent to the German address Zederweg 6, D-50127 Bergheim (Mick Delmage, AB, May CIDX Messenger via DXLD)

SOMALIA, R. Hargeisa on 7120 kHz, Times of sign off:

Apr 01 1900*
Apr 02 1900*
Apr 03 1900*
Apr 04 1902*
Apr 05 1900*
Apr 06 1901*
Apr 07 no check
Apr 08 1901*
Apr 09 1901*
Apr 10 1902*
Apr 11 1903*
Apr 12 1900*
Apr 13 1900*
Apr 14 1902*
Apr 15 1901*
Apr 16 1900*
Apr 18 1903*
Apr 19 1901*
Apr 20 1902*
Apr 21 1902*
Apr 22 no check
Apr 23 1902*
Apr 24 1902*
Apr 25 1901*
Apr 26 1900*
Apr 27 1901*
Apr 28 1900*
Apr 29 1902*
Apr 30 1900*

(Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-515, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 12095, Sunday May 4 at 0528, fair carrier off and on with flutter, just barely modulated, 0530 off, and back on in unknown language joined in progress; keeps cutting off and on, with or without modulation. HFCC A-14 shows Meyerton with BBC Kinyarwanda scheduled 250 kW, 5 degrees, Saturdays at 0500-0600 & Sundays 0529-0600. Marred by TADIL-A bonker on low side circa 12089.5 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 9955 & 7570, May 3 at 0549, Brother Scare audio feed via WRMI is cutting off more than it's on, making him even more unlistenable than usual, tsk2 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also USA: WWRB, WTWW, etc.

** SPAIN [and non]. 17850, April 28 at 1759 [not 1859 as in original

report], REE IS, Spanish broadcast with CCI, 1800 timesignal and still CCI somewhat weaker than REE. This monumental failure of frequency coordination continues, as both Spain and FRANCE are registered on 17850: per HFCC, RFI in French at 17-20, and REE at 15-23, both daily. Aoki shows Spain on weekends only at 17-23, weekdays at 19-22, certainly not correct as this is Monday. Meanwhile there are plenty of open frequencies on the 16m band.

17850, May 1 at 1735, RFI in French, but voicing-over a clip in German; no sign of CCI in Spanish, so REE is not on 17850 now, while it's in well on 17715. I suppose they are still colliding 17850 after 1759, however. However2, did not get around to rechecking until 2045 when it was Spain only (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. REE A-14: Catalan/Galician/Spanish
1505-1520s. ME 21610nob
(WRTH A-14 Update excerpt, May 5 via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DXLD)

As usual, plain old Spanish substitutes for Basque, which is just too risky to allow on the air, but presumably about Euskadi affairs during this pentaminute only (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. SLBC broadcasts from 0115 to 0330 on 11905 in Tamil / Hindi and also sometimes in English. Evangelical programmes in English were heard as follows:
Thu 10 April at 0230-0300,
Sat 12 April at 0300-0330 and on
Sun 13 April at 0230-0330. So English is maybe 0230-0300 Tue(irr),
Thu, Sun and 0300-0330 Sat and Sun (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, May BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

11905, May 1 at *0114:11, SLBC carrier on, very poor with flutter;
0114:47 music starts; timesignal ends at 0115:19.5.

11905, May 4 at *0114:15 carrier on from SLBC; 0114:47 music starts;
0115:18, 3-pip mistimesignal ends, opening Hindi. Poor with flutter.

11905, May 6 at 0115, missed the carrier-on, SLBC already in music but I don't miss the 2+1 mistimesignal ending at 0115:18.5, opening Hindi; very poor.

11905, May 8 at 0115, very poor with flutter, SLBC has just opened with music, and timesignal ending at 0115:18.5, exactly same as two bidays ago, so rather consistent with other chex this month, only varying one sesquiminute from 0118 to 0119.5 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see remark under BANGLADESH

** SUDAN [non]. 11560, CLANDESTINE (Sudan). Radio Miraya via Grigoriopol, *0300-0411 22/4, opened with regional vocals until a man announcer with English ID mentioning news was coming up. More vocals with Arabic announcements at 0326. At 0400 with ID, several jingles and slogans before more music (this time rap songs) began. Fair (Richard A. DiAngelo, Wyomissing, PA USA (Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton E1, Eton E5, Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4, May Australian DX News via DXLD).

same ¶ Pleased to see this one back on 25mb for the A14 period. I missed listening to it when it shifted to 9940 kHz for B13 - just doesn't make it here on that frequency in the Aussie summer. I enjoy the programming, fabulous music for their "Breakfast Show"!! Language is Arabic but plenty of English can also heard at various times. Good signal at 0440 on 7/4 and will get stronger here over the coming weeks (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Double Bazooka antennas for 80 and 40 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), May Australian DX News via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DXLD)

11560, OPPOSITION, Radio Miraya via Grigoriopol, 0320-0410, 4/29, booming in with program to South Sudan, wonderful combo of Afro, rap, hip-hop and reggae, numerous IDs, including English promo at 0359 for news about South Sudan, very cool radio station, per Rich D'Angelo tip (Mike Nikolich - N90VQ, Lake Barrington, IL, Perseus SDR with Wellbrook ALA1530A-2 loop antenna, NASWA Flashsheet via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DXLD)

MOLDOVA: 11560, R Miraya FM (presumed) via Kishinev-Grigoriopol with English Pop music from Africa including such toe tappers as Baby I Am Sorry, etc. Absolutely NO announcements of any kind and off abruptly at :58. Started out really nice, 4+54+4+4+ but fading to s=3 by :45 & at :50 down to 2+5332. An ID would've been nice! 0520-0558* 26/Apr (Kenneth Vito Zichi, Port Hope MI, MARE Tipsheet May 2 via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. Additional frequencies from July 1:

Radio Tamazuj

0400-0430 7205 MDC 250 kW / 320 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic from July 1
0400-0430 11650 SMG 200 kW / 145 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic as scheduled
0400-0430 15550 DHA 250 kW / 240 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic as scheduled
1500-1530 11805 MDC 250 kW / 350 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic from July 1
1500-1530 15150 MDC 250 kW / 335 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic as scheduled
1500-1530 15550 SMG 200 kW / 139 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic as scheduled
Radio Dabanga

0430-0600 11650 SMG 200 kW / 145 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic as scheduled
0430-0600 15550 DHA 250 kW / 240 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic as scheduled

0500-0530 15150 MDC 250 kW / 350 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic from July 1
1530-1630 15150 MDC 250 kW / 335 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic as scheduled
1530-1630 15550 SMG 200 kW / 139 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic as scheduled
(DX RE MIX NEWS #851 from Georgi Bancov & Ivo Ivanov, May 6 via DXLD)

MADAGASCAR, Additional frequencies of Radio Tamazuj and Radio Dabanga
Radio Tamazuj
0400-0430 7205 MDC 250 kW / 320 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic from July 1
1500-1530 11805 MDC 250 kW / 350 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic from July 1
Radio Dabanga
0500-0530 15150 MDC 250 kW / 350 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic from July 1
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/05/additional-frequencies-of-radio-tamazuj.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, May 4, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SWAZILAND. QSL: TWR Africa 9500, sent FD eQSL and program schedule
in about a day for an email report. v/s Lorraine Stavropoulos
lstavrop-at-twr.org (Bruce Portzer, Seattle WA, May 2, dxldyg via DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWEDEN [non]. Interview with Tony LÜpez from WVBF 1530 tonight at
1800 UT / 2000 SST

Hej alla! Ett inslag med Tony Lopez från WVBF 1530 inspelat under
konventet i Lessebo sänds i kväll onsdag 20.00 svensk tid i The Ronny
B Goode Show, repris söndag 11/5 samma tid. Det går bra att lyssna
över <http://radio.osteraker.se> Litet mera sport är det kanske att
lyssna på MV 1485 kHz kommande onsdag den 14/5 där programmet går över
Radio Merkurs kl. 20.00 svensk tid. Glad heller inte att lyssna på
Tony's specialprogram från Sverige - kolla vår blogg för detaljer
<http://arcticradioclub.blogspot.se/2014/05/special-programme-from-arc-convention.html>

You can listen to an interview with Tony LÜpez, GM of WVBF 1530, on
May 7 at 1800 UT, repeated at the same time on Sunday, May 11. Link
for listening:

<http://radio.osteraker.se>

The same show can be heard on Radio Merkurs 1485 on May 14 at 1800 UT.
Tony will broadcast a special programme recorded at the recent ARC
convention in Sweden this week; for further details do check out our
blog

<http://arcticradioclub.blogspot.se/2014/05/special-programme-from-arc-convention.html>

73/ (Ronny - RFK, Forslund, May 7, DX LISTENING DIGEST via dxldyg in
advance)

I later found this in my spam folder --- maybe because of the
``garble`` = Swedish? (gh, DXLD)

WVBF? Middleborough Center MA, U1, 2200/2 watts, CH 940, 24 hours, format talk/reading service, with AM stereo per NRC AM Log 2013 (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** SWEDEN [non]. 12070, IBRA R., Woofferton. Preaching at 1938 in Shuwa Arabic (a.k.a Chadian Arabic) in the service to Chad. This language sounds quite different to "normal" Arabic with a lot less of that clearing of the throat sound :-). Noted to s/off 1945, NF ex 9635 and a lovely signal on 4/4 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Double Bazooka antennas for 80 and 40 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), May Australian DX News via DXLD)

Changes of BABCOCK; Inactive at present transmissions:

1700-1730 on 11610 MEY 100 kW / 015 deg to EaAf Tigrinya IBRA Radio
1715-1730 on 11785 DHA 250 kW / 220 deg to CeAf Swahili IBRA Radio
1930-2000 on 9490 WOF 300 kW / 102 deg to N/ME Arabic IBRA Radio
(DX RE MIX NEWS #851 from Georgi Bancov & Ivo Ivanov, May 6 via DXLD)

** TAIWAN. 7105, Sound of Hope. Believe a year ago SOH used this frequency in the 2200-2300 time period. May 3 heard SOH at tune in of 1142 with usual segments of monologues; // 10960, both in the clear with fair reception and no jamming, but assume it's just a matter of time before the PRC finds this frequency in use again and turns on the strong CNR1 signal to block them, causing a mess for the hams; still heard at 1325; certainly not a low powered SOH transmitter

[non log]. 7105, Sound of Hope was only heard here on May 3 and 4, from about 1230 to 1330; so only on for two days through May 7. Perhaps testing for some future scheduling? (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

19970, 1249 May 4, Xi Wang zhi Sheng SOH, Taipei (Pali), 9764 km. My late uncle's portable "dxpedition stove" still giving loyal service on my dxpeditions 30 years after he passed away; goodness knows how old it was because he'd not been well enough to go on dxpeditions since the 70's. A dxpedition is nothing without a hot cup of tea. Anyway awful conditions today but spent the Day at a local high spot called Marsh Hill Common, in Staffordshire. Tim Bucknall, G-ST87 Marshes Hill Common, nr Brown Edge, Staffordshire, 02w12/53n05, Hyundai VDO Car Radio, Tecsun PL-300wt, Icom IC-R7000, Alinco DJ-X11e, RTL 2832 Dongle modulator cb whip, 1.5m whip, car aerial. Replaces The Roaches as my preferred spot for DXing the west (Tim Bucknall, Congleton, UK, harmonics yg via DXLD)

** TAIWAN [and non]. 13720, Sunday May 4 at 1247, presumed PCJ Radio

International via SRI LANKA is JBA, as usual, intended for SE Asia only. News from Keith Perron as of May 1:

``On May 18th 2014 we will be doing the first test from our own site.

Target: Southeast Asia

Time: 1300-1400 UT [Sunday]

Frequency: 11765 kHz

Power: 20 kW

To cut down the bureaucratic process of registering a frequency with the NCC, Radio Taiwan International will be letting us use one of their frequencies for the test. Regards, Keith Perron, PCJ Radio International``

Per Aoki, that hour on 11765 is a gap between RTI in Vietnamese until 1300, and CRI English via Urumqi from 1400 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAJIKISTAN. 4765.04, 0030-0040 03/05, Tajik R 1, Yangiyul, Tajik romantic sentences from man and woman with stringmusic, 45243. It had nearly faded out at 0120 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire and heard the following with always disturbing ticking noise, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) But not here: R. Progreso, Cuba also starts around 0030 (gh)

19060, 1302 May 4, Tojikiston Radio 1, Dushanbe / Yangiyul (SW) (4 x 4765) 5493 km. My late uncle's portable "dxpedition stove" still giving loyal service on my dxpeditions 30 years after he passed away; goodness knows how old it was because he'd not been well enough to go on dxpeditions since the 70's. A dxpedition is nothing without a hot cup of tea. Anyway awful conditions today but spent the Day at a local high spot called Marsh Hill Common, in Staffordshire. Tim Bucknall, G-ST87 Marshes Hill Common, nr Brown Edge, Staffordshire, 02w12/53n05, Hyundai VDO Car Radio, Tecsun PL-300wt, Icom IC-R7000, Alinco DJ-X11e, RTL 2832 Dongle modulator cb whip, 1.5m whip, car aerial. Replaces The Roaches as my preferred spot for DXing the west (Tim Bucknall, Congleton, UK, harmonics yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DXLD)

** TIBET [non]. QSL: Voice of Tibet via Madagascar 15525, sent an email confirmation in about a day for an email report with MP3 file. The reply was specific as to time and frequency. v/s was Oystein Alme oystalme-at-gmail.com , VOT Director at their admin office in Oslo (Bruce Portzer, Seattle WA, May 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET [non]. 21690, R. Free Asia via Dhabbaya. Not real good here at 0652, 25/4, with a shaky Tibetan talk and strong Firedrake jamming. NF (Dennis Allen, Milperra NSW (Icom ICR-75, realistic DX-160, Longwire), May Australian DX News via DXLD)

Re: ``HFCC continues to know *nothing* about anything the 18 MHz band (Glenn Hauser-OK-USA, dxld April 30)``

Both Nagoya Aoki list and hfcc contain now the 15mb changes of Kuwait in 18/19 MHz range, wb. April 27 and May 3 (BC-DX May 6 via DXLD)

Frequency changes of IBB: Radio Free Asia

1000-1100 21495 TIN 250 kW / 295 deg CeAs Tibetan Wed, ex 18950/17495
1000-1100 21485 TIN 250 kW / 295 deg CeAs Tibetan Thu, ex 18960/17495
1100-1200 18980 KWT 250 kW / 078 deg CeAs Tibetan Tue, ex 18940/17495
1100-1200 18990 KWT 250 kW / 078 deg CeAs Tibetan Wed, ex 18950/17495
1100-1200 19000 KWT 250 kW / 078 deg CeAs Tibetan Thu, ex 18960/17495
1200-1300 18980 KWT 250 kW / 078 deg CeAs Tibetan Mon, ex 18940/13795
1200-1300 18990 KWT 250 kW / 078 deg CeAs Tibetan Tue, ex 18950/13795
1200-1300 19000 KWT 250 kW / 078 deg CeAs Tibetan Wed, ex 18960/13795
1300-1400 18980 KWT 250 kW / 078 deg CeAs Tibetan Tue, ex 18940/13795
1300-1400 18990 KWT 250 kW / 078 deg CeAs Tibetan Wed, ex 18950/13795
1300-1400 19000 KWT 250 kW / 078 deg CeAs Tibetan Thu, ex 18960/13795

Frequency changes of IBB: Voice of America, from May 3:

0000-0100 13630 UDO 250 kW / 324 deg CeAs Tibetan Mon, ex 9340
0000-0100 13640 UDO 250 kW / 324 deg CeAs Tibetan Tue, ex 9340
0000-0100 13670 UDO 250 kW / 324 deg CeAs Tibetan Wed, ex 9340
0000-0100 9340 UDO 250 kW / 324 deg CeAs Tibetan Thu, ex Daily
0000-0100 9340 UDO 250 kW / 324 deg CeAs Tibetan Fri, ex Daily
0000-0100 9340 UDO 250 kW / 324 deg CeAs Tibetan Sat, ex Daily
0000-0100 9340 UDO 250 kW / 324 deg CeAs Tibetan Sun, ex Daily
(DX RE MIX NEWS #851 from Georgi Bancov & Ivo Ivanov, May 6 via DXLD)

** TURKEY. 9465, May 3 at 0158, poor signal with Turkish music, I suppose the TRT IS which is no longer distinctive and repetitive, as VOT is scheduled 02-03 in Uighur, 500 kW, 72 degrees from Emirler.

9870, May 7 at 0118, VOT in stilted Spanish about ``Los Otomanos``, and audio is also cutting out several times a second, yet remains readable. Comparing to // 9770: no such problem there, both Emirler transmitters, of course. At 0125, during music and talk, 9870 modulation is really skipping, now unusable. Carrier itself remains steady (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE Extended schedule of Radio Dniprovska Hvylya, now probably daily, ex Sat/Sun: R. Dniprovska Hvylya was noted on Fri, May 2 + Sat/Sun as scheduled: 0600-0800 on 11980.1 ZPR 0.3 kW / non-dir to UKR Ukrainian CUSB, ex 0700-0830

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/05/extended-schedule-of-radio-dniprovska.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [and non]. 9410.1, BBC, Dhabbaya. Arabic to CAf and EAf at fade/in 0340, NF ex 7285. Measured as off-frequency and with a weak signal on 29/4. From 0400 the site changes to Woofferton, with a similar strength and smack-bang on frequency! (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Double Bazooka antennas for 80 and 40 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), May Australian DX News via DXLD)

13660 BBC, Ascension in English to WAf (0700-0800) versus CRI - Xian in English to SEAs (0600-0800). Both seem to have moved to this frequency for the A14 season, and the clash from 0700 sees both stations here at Mount Evelyn at about equal interfering strength. Although this may not be a problem for the respective target areas, there are so many vacant frequencies available in the 22 metre band at this time that it makes any clash totally unnecessary (no credit, presumably Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Double Bazooka antennas for 80 and 40 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), May Australian DX News via DXLD)

Changes of BABCOCK:

1300-1400 17830 MDC 250 kW / 032 deg to EaAf Somali Sat BBC, ex 17870
1300-1400 21470 DHA 250 kW / 205 deg to EaAf Somali Sat BBC, ex 21660

Inactive at present transmissions:

1600-1700 6195 DHA 250 kW / 335 deg to WeAs Farsi BBC
1600-1700 15310 NAK 250 kW / 300 deg to WeAs Farsi BBC
(DX RE MIX NEWS #851 from Georgi Bancov & Ivo Ivanov, May 6 via DXLD)

Additional frequency of BBC World Service from May 5:

0600-0700 on 3255 MEY 100 kW / 000 deg to SoAf English
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2014/05/additional-frequency-of-bbc-world.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. 25000, WWV, Fort Collins. 0035-0046 18/4, usual time announcements on experimental frequency now into the evening. ID at 0030. Good signal (Richard A. DiAngelo, Wyomissing, PA USA (Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton E1, Eton E5, Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4, May Australian DX News via DXLD)

same ¶ Peeping through with a weak but clear signal at 2140, audible only on one of my three antennas, 11/4. Also on 14/4 at 2215 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Double Bazooka antennas for 80 and 40 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise

Cancelling Module, ATU), May Australian DX News via DXLD)

QSL. Radio Station WWV, card #30408, for their 25000 experimental transmission listened to on 4/12/14. Full data card signed by engineer, John B. Milton. Received in 2 weeks for an emailed reception report (Larry Zamora, Garland, TX, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. VOA OVERHAUL: TOE US GOVERNMENT LINE

A powerful pair of lawmakers in the House of Representatives have agreed on major legislation to overhaul Voice of America and other government-funded broadcasting outlets that could have implications for the broadcaster's editorial independence, Foreign Policy has learned. . .

http://thecable.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2014/04/29/exclusive_new_bill_requires_voice_of_america_to_toe_us_line
(via Benn Kobb, DC, May 3, DXLD)

OVERHAUL OF U.S. INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING PROPOSED

<http://www.radioworld.com/article/overhaul-of-us-international-broadcasting-proposed/270200>

(via Dennis Gibson, May 1, Sent from my iPhone, ABDX via DXLD)

Keith Perron advises BBG on US IB:

SHORTWAVE RADIO - GETTING MESSAGE ACROSS BORDERS WITHOUT CENSORSHIP
April 23, 2014 - BBGWatcher - Featured News, Hot Tub Blog

BBG Watch Commentary and Guest Open Letter Keith Perron
Keith Perron visiting Voice of America in Washington, DC [caption]

<http://bbgwatch.com/bbgwatch/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/BBG-Open-letterApril-23-audio.mp3>

International radio broadcaster Keith Perron has written an open letter to the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) Chairman Jeff Shell with an appeal for continuing and improving Voice of America (VOA) radio broadcasts. Perron focuses to those parts of the world, particularly China, which experience political repression and Internet censorship or where most of the population does not have adequate access to digital communications technology or may be too poor to afford it.

Perron's letter includes several specific suggestion for improving VOA radio program content and shortwave radio signal delivery. "Shortwave is still the only true effective way to get your message across borders without censorship," Perron wrote. "While I do feel it's vital for stations like the VOA to have a presence on social media. All your

eggs should not be put in the Internet basket," Perron observed.

He described to BBG Chairman how he learned that people in rural China were listeners to Voice of America on shortwave radio:

"While I was based in China a number of times I was contacted by various international broadcasters who came to the country to meet listeners and to find out how people listened. Where did they go? Beijing and Shanghai. Not once did they go to any part of China where people listen to shortwave on a regular basis. When I was in China and reporting on the country, many times I would ask people if they listened to shortwave. One experience I remember happened in Sichuan Province in 2008 on May 13th. This was only hours after they were hit by a 8.0 earthquake. I remember walking around Wenchun Country where over 20,000 people were killed and one evening I was outside listening to the BBC World Service. People were coming up to me, because they were curious about the radio I was using. I asked them if they listened to shortwave radio. Every person said yes. The next day I was doing a story on this and talking to people. Then all of a sudden some local officials came over to find what I was doing, as I was talking to a group of 12 people. In a flash their stories changed from yes I listen to the Voice of America and other stations on shortwave to no I never listen to foreign shortwave stations, because we have enough good media here in China. The next day just before I left some of them came to find my and explained to me why they said what they did."

Keith Perron has been working in international broadcasting since 1989, including work at Radio Canada International, China Radio International, Radio Deutsche Welle. He has freelanced for Radio Netherlands, Monitor Radio, ABC Radio (Australia) and others. He is currently the director of PCJ Radio International where he is also an announcer and producer.

Jeff Shell [caption]

The Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) is both the name of the independent federal agency that oversees all U.S. civilian international media and the name of the board that governs those broadcasts. Broadcasters within the BBG network include the Voice of America, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, the Middle East Broadcasting Networks (Alhurra TV and Radio Sawa), Radio Free Asia, and the Office of Cuba Broadcasting (Radio and TV Marti).

Jeff Shell is the chair of the Broadcasting Board of Governors and chairs the BBG's Advisory Committee and Special Committee on the Creation of a Chief Executive Officer. He also chairs the boards of directors for the BBG's grantee networks. Jeff Shell is chairman of

Universal Filmed Entertainment. He previously served as chairman of NBC Universal International from 2011-2013 and as president of Comcast Programming Group from 2005 to 2011.

He was confirmed as Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors on August 1, 2013. Decisions regarding Voice of America radio broadcasts described in Mr. Perron's letter were made at the recommendation of the BBG's International Broadcasting Bureau (IBB) executives and approved by previous BBG boards before Mr. Shell became BBG Chairman.

IBB, which has grown into a large bureaucracy which controls 34 percent of BBG's budget, determined that Voice of America cannot afford to do both radio and online media outreach. Most critics disagree with this conclusion, pointing out that digital media can be developed inexpensively to incorporate radio and other multimedia content. IBB executives and strategists have successfully framed the debate as "all or nothing" in terms of choices between Internet and shortwave radio or radio in general, when in fact proponents of shortwave, including Mr. Perron, do not question at all the value of digital media where it can work without censorship. They see radio as part of a successful multi-media program delivery strategy.

Critics also point out that local media placement, which is another IBB preferred strategy, is often censored, and in many cases also subject to self-censorship by VOA executives in charge of programming policy to achieve placement in countries which restrict foreign media news content. The combination of these strategies has led to a significant deterioration of not only VOA radio broadcasts but also VOA news reporting, critics charge. They point to dozens of VOA reports in recent years on the British royal family, multiple reports about Canadian pop star Justin Bieber, and a recent VOA video for Pakistan showing a blood-thirsty zombie character dressed as Uncle Sam attacking a Pakistani. This type of VOA program content is designed to attract website visits and assure local program placement where uncensored news is not welcome.

Keith Perron's letter does not focus at length on these content and strategy issues, but it suggests a way of getting both news and feature programs across borders without censorship or self-censorship.

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Keith Perron's Open Letter to Mr. Jeff Shell, Chairman of the BBG,
PDF, pcj-logo April 23, 2014

Dear Mr. Shell, I am writing you this letter for the grave concern I have for US international broadcasting. Specifically over decisions concerning the Voice of America, as well as Radio Free Europe and

Radio Liberty.

We have seen since the early nineties many international broadcasters cut back on shortwave transmissions or vanish into broadcast history. Swiss Radio International, Radio Canada International, Radio Nederland Wereldomroep, Radio Sweden and others. We have witnessed cuts to schedules at the BBC World Service, VOA and others. Language sections have been axed. Any respect that stations like the Voice of America had. Has waned to the point that if it was not so sad it would be laughable.

Since the early nineties the Voice of America and other international broadcasters have jumped on the bandwagon of the Internet. While I do feel it's vital for stations like the VOA to have a presence on social media. All your eggs should not be put in the Internet basket.

Back in 2012 while I was visiting a friend at the VOA I had the pleasure of meeting someone from the IT department who told me "we need to end all shortwave". This is obviously someone who didn't have any travel experience. While we cannot dispute the advantages of broadcasting over the Internet. Those who have access to un-censored and stable connections is very small when you look at the world population.

I've spent over 10 years in Asia and so many times I have seen decisions to cut back services by individuals who really have no clue. [and the passage quoted above, inset]

In Cambodia where I spend lots of time listening to shortwave. I have tried using the Internet. Well it's just too slow. The same for Burma, many parts of Indonesia, Vietnam, Laos, India, Bangladesh and others. Yes it is true that these countries are improving their Internet services, but it will in many cases take many years.

May I remind you of something that happened after the collapse of the Soviet Union. It was not until 1991 when the VOA realized how big an audience they had in the Soviet Union. Then in 2008 you dropped shortwave in favor of local FM and AM transmissions and look what happened.

Another point I would like to mention is when I hear "no one listens to shortwave". Well if you cut back on frequencies and no one can find you of course you will lose listeners. And then the officials turn around and say "no one is listening". Well if no one can find you....

This month we saw Voice of Russia drop all shortwave. This had

nothing to do with listeners, but more to do with VOR being a political target of the Putin Government. Six years ago Voice of Russia had many reports that were highly critical of Putin. We have seen this before. What do they do? Remove them. Voice of Russia as a company is does not even exist anymore.

Very often cutting back on shortwave has more to do with Western arrogance. "Well I don't listen to shortwave so no one else in the world does". This is just untrue. Then there is the budget cuts. First there is no need for shortwave to be expensive. The international broadcasters have made it expensive. The VOA could broadcast to Russia for half the cost by using a relay like Radio Miami International in Okeechobee or from the site that we use in Trincomalee, Sri Lanka. The business has changed and has become more competitive in the last 15 years.

Now let me give you an example. Here at PCJ Radio International we are tiny. Unlike the VOA or others we don't have the budget to run 5 or 6 frequencies at a time. We do it with one at a time depending on region. The sites we use are Nauen, Germany; Madagascar; Okeechobee, USA; and Trincomalee, Sri Lanka. Listeners who tune via shortwave out number those who listen online 20 to 1. Content is key. The BBC World Service has lost many shortwave listeners over the years, because they cut back in music and drama programming. And now its more or less just news. One of the best programs the VOA has is Border Crossings with Larry London that is broadcast 5 nights a week live. I would bet you this program has way more listeners compared to any of your news programming. Then on weekends you have Jazz America with Russ Davis. There are things that could be done to have a bigger audience.

Let's take your schedule that I listen to daily in Asia. In the mornings you have Daybreak Asia followed by International Edition all in one hour. Two current affair shows with more or less the same content? How about keeping Daybreak Asia and have that followed by a program produced by VOA Music Mix? I would guarantee you would have way more listeners. Something that people have forgotten is that soft diplomacy works better with music than with news. Don't get me wrong news is vitally important. But you have one hour that is nothing more than duplication. On the weekends you have one excellent show called American Cafe. Even that would be an excellent edition daily with some music tossed in.

I remember in 2011/12 when the VOA wanted to move all their Mandarin programming to the Internet. Or when they wanted to cut Cantonese, because someone said Mandarin and Cantonese are the same. I speak Mandarin fluently and a bit of Cantonese and I can tell you they are not the same. In the last year or so we have seen the Chinese start

jamming English broadcasts from the VOA. The reason is simple. For years only Chinese was jammed, but with the millions in China who now speak English as a second language they started jamming that. Not just the VOA, but also the English services of the BBC, All India Radio, Radio Australia from time to time. Even we at PCJ have been the victim of jamming from China.

Shortwave is still the only true effective way to get your message across borders without censorship. If you really want to save money don't take it out of shortwave. I would suggest you take it out of television. VOA TV really has no point. It's amateurish and is a total waste of US tax payer money. Shortwave is excellent money for value. But it's also important to produce programs people will want to listen to. Don't shout to your audience, talk to them. If you did this you will find the audience will tune in. How about having a weekly 25 minute show just answering listeners questions and talking to them on air? If you did this you will see the Voice of America starting to make a difference. You would be in touch with listeners not out of touch with them.

If you want I would be more than willing to produce for you a pilot of a program that could be broadcast on weekends. It would not cost you one dollar. I would take it out of our own budget.

Sincerely yours,
Keith Perron
PCJ Radio International
(BBGWatch via Mike Cooper, May 1, DXLD)

The best example of the necessity for shortwave broadcasts, I believe, was in 1991 when Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev was supposedly held in total isolation during an attempted coup. Even under such conditions he was able to keep up to date with the latest developments in his country via VOA, et al., carried via shortwave. This per http://articles.latimes.com/1991-08-23/news/mn-1029_1_bbc-world-service : (Ron, California, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

August 23, 1991 ñ Thomas B. Rosenstiel ñ Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON ó In his three days of imprisonment at his dacha in the Crimea, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev was supposed to be totally isolated. Phone lines and electricity were cut. "Everything was down," Gorbachev said at his first press conference Thursday. But Gorbachev and a group of still-loyal guards were able to keep up on the events that defeated the coup by resorting to an old tool of the Cold War -- international shortwave radio, particularly the British Broadcasting Corp.'s Russian World Service and the United States' Radio Liberty and Voice of America.

" . . . We found some type of old receivers in the maintenance rooms, and we fixed the antennas. There were some smart lads who know something about this--and we began to get whatever we could from there," Gorbachev said.

What the imprisoned Soviet president could have caught, along with the rest of the Soviet people, was a remarkable demonstration of how communications have shrunk the world.

On Radio Liberty, Gorbachev might have heard two correspondents reporting live on a permanently open phone line to Munich from inside the Russian Parliament, the headquarters of besieged Russian Federation President Boris N. Yeltsin.

The American radio service, which was set up in the 1950s to function as a surrogate for the controlled press of the Soviet Union, also had more than 75 stringers, or local correspondents, dotted throughout the Soviet Union. It is the sister service to Radio Free Europe, which serves the same function for Eastern Europe.

For most of the last 40 years, the Soviet Union jammed international shortwave radio services, but Gorbachev had the jamming abruptly stopped on Memorial Day, 1987, and it did not resume during the coup. One of the mysteries of this crisis is why not. Among various possibilities, shortwave radio officials noted that the Soviet method of jamming is costly, cumbersome and requires enormous manpower. It is also possible that much of the jamming equipment has been dismantled and is now used for other purposes.

"If they couldn't organize the KGB, forget about the jammers," said Natalie Clarkson, head of the Voice of America's Russian service. In a fascinating example of how the channels of global communication now work, Radio Liberty had reporters describing for the Russian people what was being broadcast on foreign television.

Radio Liberty, which broadcasts 24 hours a day in Russian and 11 other Soviet languages, also conducted interviews with people on all sides of the coup, from many of Yeltsin's top aides to the so-called Black Colonel, Viktor Alksnis, a member of the Supreme Soviet who stood up and denounced Gorbachev earlier this year.

Gorbachev said the clearest signal he heard was from the BBC World Service. The reason was a quirk. The BBC, whose 46 hours a week of Russian broadcasts are less than either of the American services, does not have a particularly strong signal in the Soviet Union. But one of its key relay stations happens to be on the Mediterranean island of Cyprus, and its signal travels directly over the Crimea on its way to

Moscow.

"The Crimea is not a prime target area, but it just so happens that we had one important listener there," David Morton, head of the BBC Russian World Service, said in an interview from London.

The BBC, which estimates its Soviet audience in normal times at 13 million a week, also had two people reporting live from inside the Russian Parliament, as well as a reporter in Kiev and Leningrad and stringers elsewhere.

On the pivotal Tuesday night, the Russian people heard one BBC reporter calmly dampen rumors that tanks were breaking down the barricades and seizing Yeltsin.

"From where I am standing," he reported, "I can't see any tanks coming toward the building."

Times staff writer Tyler Marshall in Bonn contributed to this reporti
(via Ron Howard, dxldyg via DXLD)

As for the VOA: "Founded in 1942 as a part of the Office of War Information, the VOA was originally tasked with countering Japanese and Nazi propaganda. In the 1950s, it moved to the State Department and the U.S. Information Agency where it focused its efforts on countering Communist propaganda." The only way you counter (enemy) propaganda is WITH YOUR OWN PROPAGANDA! It's like 'fighting fire with fire'. If you even BELIEVE that VOA should have "editorial independence" from the very government that employs the reporters, etc. you hear from over the airwaves, in print, etc., then I have a 'bridge to nowhere' to sell you (Shawn Fahrer, NY, dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. VOA Radiogram during the weekend of May 3-4 will be all MFSK32, plus the surprise mode. It includes the VOA News stories about amateur radio from the permanently berthed Queen Mary, and legislation to reorganize the Voice of America and all of US international broadcasting. Details (including schedule) here...

VOA Radiogram, 26-27 May 2014, is MFSK32 plus a surprise
<http://voaradiogram.net/post/84560251702/voa-radiogram-3-4-may-2014-is-mfsk32-plus-a-surprise>
(Kim Elliott, dxldyg via DXLD)

Here's the KBC- and the VoA-radiogram:
http://www.rhci-online.de/VoA_Radiogram_2014-05-03.htm

At KBC they would have to send the "secret message" without interrupting the music. With good software notch filters the Morse-tones in the music would not disturb. ;-) (roger, Germany, ibid.)

** U S A [non]. 9845, VOA, Tinang. Mandarin service at 2240. I don't know why they chose this NF when CNR 1 was already there from B13!! Selfie jamming perhaps?? ;-) 2/4 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Double Bazooka antennas for 80 and 40 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), May Australian DX News via DXLD)

Frequency Changes of IBB: VOA

0030-0100 7425 KWT 250 kW / 082 deg SoAs Learning English, ex 7430 from May 7
0100-0200 7425 KWT 250 kW / 082 deg SoAs English, ex 7430 from May 7
1200-1230 15565 PHT 250 kW / 283 deg SEAs Burmese, ex 15555 from May 3
1200-1500 7460 PHT 250 kW / 021 deg EaAs Korean, ex 7225 from May 7
1500-1530 11810 KWT 250 kW / 046 deg CeAs Uzbek, ex 9580 from May 2
1500-1530 17600 KWT 250 kW / 046 deg CeAs Uzbek, ex 15100 from May 2
1630-1700 11995 NAU 250 kW / 150 deg SDN Sudanese English Mon-Fri, ex 11620 May 4
1830-1900 9810 IRA 250 kW / 279 deg CeAf French, ex 9815 from May 2
1900-1930 9810 BOT 100 kW / 010 deg CSAf French Mon-Fri, ex 9815 from May 2
1900-2100 5915 PHT 250 kW / 021 deg EaAs Korean, ex 5900 from May 7
1930-2030 9810 BOT 100 kW / 010 deg CeAf French, ex 9815 from May 2
(DX RE MIX NEWS #851 from Georgi Bancov & Ivo Ivanov, May 6 via DXLD)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1719 monitoring: confirmed first airing on WRMI 9955, UT Thursday May 1 at 0330; poor here but clear on webcast. Richard Lemke says it was booming in to Alberta. Also confirmed on second broadcast, Thursday 1230 on 9955 after g^h WRMI ID (and a few notes of fill music always intervene, in a slight misalignment). Propagation is degraded and this airing arrives only fairly as the jamming gets worse by 1241: tnx a lot, Arnie!

For some reason, WTWW-3 has stopped Bibling in various languages on 12105. May 1 at 0518 UT, very poor signal with conversation seemingly with English intonation. Only thing scheduled here is WTWW but normally has been off by 0500; also had an unID during this hour April 23, which I now think must have been WTWW.

I'm not sure until 0529 when I am astounded to hear WORLD OF RADIO theme and me. So it's an unscheduled playback; too weak to tell if the new 1719 or a previous edition. 12105 is just too hi and too close to here for any decent propagation in the nightmiddle; really needs a lower band night channel (the other WTWWs are on and in well at this time, 5085 and 5830.)

12105 is also on May 1 at 1344, good but not very good signal (and

13845 WWCR is inaudible, still degraded MUF), ham conversation with Ted Randall, so he is playing back his 'QSO' show, still past 1430, and past 1500, which means WOR may also appear at various additional times in rotation. Keep an ear on 12105! Scheduled WORLD OF RADIO times:

Thu 2101 on WTWW, 9475
UT Fri 0326v on WWRB, 5050
Sat 0630 & 1430 on HLR, 7265-CUSB
Sat 2330 on WTWW, 9930
UT Sun 0030 on WRMI, 9495
UT Sun 0401 on WTWW, 5830
UT Mon 0300 on Area 51 via WBCQ, 5110v-CUSB
Tue 1100 & Wed 1315 on WRMI, 9955
Wed 0630 & 1430 on HLR, 7265-CUSB

WORLD OF RADIO 1719 monitoring: shortly after my last report about WTWW running WORLD OF RADIO on 12105 at the unscheduled time of 0530 UT Thursday, when it was barely audible here, and that 12105 was back on at 1344 with Ted Randall's 'QSO' instead of Bibling --- here's WORLD OF RADIO again at 1530 UT Thursday and this time for sure it's the new one, #1719. 12105 went off sometime after 1600 and not heard the rest of the day. Ted Randall is apparently programming #3 ad-hoc like his webcast which rotates QSO with ARNL, WOR. Maybe more tonight or tomorrow? [WORLD OF RADIO 1720]

WOR 1719 also confirmed on WTWW-1, 9475, Thursday May 1 at 2100:58 with VG signal. Also confirmed on WWRB, 5050, UT Friday May 2 starting at 0328:22; about a minute later on webcast which is low-level but OK if you turn it up. 5050 was on around 0100 May 2, and BS only on 3185, not 9370.

WORLD OF RADIO 1719 monitoring: confirmed on WTWW-2, 9930, Saturday May 3 at 2330:15; next airing, UT Sunday May 4 at 0030 on WRMI-14, 9495, however, is repeat of 1718, tho with good sufficient signal. Reconfirmed #1719, UT Sunday May 4 at 0400:55 on WTWW-1, 5830. Next: UT Monday 0300 on Area 51 via WBCQ, 5110v-CUSB (we hope: only the first few words aired last week)

WORLD OF RADIO 1719 monitoring: confirmed UT Monday May 5 at 0300 on Area 51 via WBCQ, 5110v-CUSB, and webcast. Next: Tuesday 1100 & Wednesday 1315 on WRMI, 9955; Wednesday 0630 & 1430 on Hamburger Lokalradio, 7265-CUSB.

WORLD OF RADIO 1719 monitoring: confirmed final repeat on WRMI 9955, and finally on the NW antenna, Wednesday May 7 at 1315 immediately following the new show from Cyprus.

WORLD OF RADIO 1720: ready for first airing UT Thursday May 8 at 0330 on WRMI 9955; then Thursday May 8 at 1230. UT Sunday 0030 on 9495 - could be previous edition.

On WTWW, Thursday 2101 on 9475; Saturday 2330 on 9930; UT Sunday 0401 on 5830. (Last week unscheduled appearances Thursday 0530 & 1530 on 12105, but probably not likely to recur.)

On WWRB, UT Friday 0328v on 5050.

On Hamburger Lokalradio, Saturday 0630 & 1430 on 7265-CUSB.

On Area 51 via WBCQ, UT Monday 0300 on 5110v-CUSB

Full schedule including many more webcasts:

<http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html>

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. QSL: Radio Africa Network (Pan American Broadcasting) via WRMI 15190, sent a QSL card, program schedule, and cover letter signed by Jeff Bernald in 6 days. I sent an email report plus MP3 file to INFO-at-panambc.com Card was FD except for transmitter site (Bruce Portzer, Seattle WA, May 2, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 12105, WTWW, Lebanon. Huge with sixties pops, station ID in English asking for reports to close at 0500 on 22/4 (John Adams, DX-Pedition Port Douglas Beach Qld, Sony ICF-SW7600GR Sony AN-LP1 Antenna, May Australian DX News via DXLD) extraordinary programming

12105, Saturday May 3 at 1246, WTWW-3 is on unexpectedly before nominal *1300, and still no Bibling; instead, it's Ted Randall with his country music show ``tonight'' which originally runs Sunday evenings/UT Mondays on WTWW-2 5085. VG signal, while the other two are still on night channels 5085 and 5830 with BS and PPP respectively. After playing a sad song by Lori Morgan, ``A Picture of Me Without You'', Ted muses about how we mustn't let The Devil mess up our lives; 1258 taking a request from Honduras.

5085 & 12105, UT Sunday May 4 at 0116, Ted Randall's `QSO' show on both WTWW-2 and WTWW-3! VG signals, but not //; at 0139 recheck sounds like same interview guest voice, but nowhere near synchronized, no doubt separate playouts to neighboring transmitters. Still no Bibling any more on WTWW-3.

5085, UT Monday May 5 at 0305 I notice that Ted Randall's Sunday-night country-music request show is still running on WTWW-2; unknown what times it starts and stops, but Brother Scare will surely resume before long. Nothing on WTWW-3, 12105 this time.

12105 remains mostly off the air, such as May 5 at 1339 check, no Bibling. I'm told that the tentative date for that to resume on an expanded schedule with many more languages than before, is May 22. Meanwhile, it seems Ted may turn it on with own programming unpredictably, even WORLD OF RADIO as heard twice last Thursday. I also heard that WOR appeared sometime circa 2330 UT Sunday May 4 on 5085; did anyone log that? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9930, May 8 at 0110 I noticed that WTWW-2 is missing from 5085, and at 0111 I find it is still on 9930 with TOM, way past the nominal QSY time 0000. Still inbooming on 9930 and at this time of year might as well stay up till at least 0100; but sometime before 0123 next check, it's switched to 5085 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5110v-CUSB, UT Thursday May 1 at 0103, WBCQ has resumed extra broadcasts, repeats of old 'Allan Weiner Worldwides', conveniently dated 15 March, The Year of Our Lord 2013, with his darling wife Jennifer at his side, and pulling off the headphones he can't stand, ``live from Florida'' (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5109.76, 0105-0115 03/05, WBCQ, Monticello, Maine. English conversation on its SW broadcasts, phone no., "Have a nice weekend" - best in USB, 35333 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire and heard the following with always disturbing ticking noise, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

5109.74-CUSB, May 6 at 0149 check during AWWW, measuring off-frequencies, after re-calibration with WWV 5000.000, the DX-398 finds WBCQ approximately here (meaning the final digit is iffy). Early in the hour, Allan was preaching about Easter, so maybe a recent show unless from 2013y (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9370, May 6 at 0540, WWRB with BS at night on day frequency, and this time // much weaker night frequency 3185.

9370 // weaker 3185, May 7 at 0123, WWRB is devoting both transmitters to Brother Scare, so 5050 with other programming is off the air tonight.

9370, May 7 at 0615, yet again, WWRB is running day frequency at night with BS, and also weaker // 3185.

And 9370, May 8 at 0121, is still on and much stronger and less noisy than // 3185; while 5050 remains off. Maybe this depends on day of week and how much time is unsold on 5050; hope it's back next night,

UT Friday, for WORLD OF RADIO at 0330v (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) It wasn't

** U S A. 7505.18 approx., May 4 at 0114, WRNO gospel huxter, still not back on authorized frequency (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 11520, May 1 at 0108, WEWN English is on, discussing botched execution in OK, along with mandatory squealspurs worst at plus/minus 9 kHz. English transmitter, daytime 15610, has been missing a lot lately (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

25 mb 0745-0820 UT May 6: 11870, WEWN EWTN, S=9+10 -62dBm but whistle audio, a serious transmitter fault here with a loud high-pitched squealing tone accompanying the audio. WEWN Spanish service (Wolfgang Bschel, Stuttgart, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) As ever

** U S A. Hi. I have no DRM gear at present, and have never actually heard a DRM radio live (other than through recordings posted on websites). However, at Voice of Hope, we would be very interested in deploying this technology as soon as affordable stand-alone receivers become available. We currently broadcast on 16m and 31m SW to Mexico, Central America, Cuba, the Caribbean, and East Coast North America. So, I'm a broadcaster, not a listener, although I would be one if I had something to listen on! I'm hoping that by joining this group, we will learn as soon as possible when Indian or Chinese receivers become available in the North American market (Ray Robinson, Operations Manager, KVOH - Voice of Hope, Los Angeles
<http://www.kvoh.net> April 16, drmna yg via DXLD)

** U S A. WMLK - Assemblies of Yaweh [sic] has been off the air for several years due to ongoing problems with getting the transmitter to work. The station's web site was updated in November 2013 to say that work is still progressing slowly, but many problems have been revealed. The station is still hoping to get back on the air. See WMLK Update-New at <http://www.wmlkradio.net> (May BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** U S A. FCC approves 640 AM Birach CP move in Indiana
<http://rbr.com/fcc-approves-birach-cp-move-in-indiana/>
(via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

Changes on 640 in the Midwest --- The FCC has approved Birach Broadcasting's application to relocate their permit for a new station on 640 at Terre Haute, Indiana. The station will instead be built at Peotone, Illinois just outside Joliet (if you're a Chicago-area ham, you probably know Peotone as the home of the annual August hamfest). This move means the demise of Birach's WMFN-640 Zeeland, Michigan.

The Peotone station would interfere with WMFN.

Birach won the Terre Haute station at auction. The frequency was silenced when the previous owner was convicted of twelve felonies in a Missouri court. The FCC decision granting the 640 move contains this interesting clause:

"We also urge the permittee to expeditiously file for a call sign for this granted permit upon receipt of this action."

Not entirely sure why the FCC would be in more of a hurry than the permittee to get this station call letters == (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, May 2, NRC-AM via DXLD)

** U S A. 750, May 7 at 0136 UT, preacher in English from N/S, surely KMMJ, Grand Island NE. Not in Spanish at the moment, a minute before my steetlite ignites for the nite. I also overlooked reporting this a few days ago: UT May 4 at 0133 UT, country gospel music in English from N/S, but by 0158 UT it's off with WSB in.

KMMJ is that rare ``Unlimited`` station with a Limited schedule, 10.7 kW, apparently in deference to WSB. Per
http://licensing.fcc.gov/cgi-bin/prod/cdbs/forms/prod/getimportletter_exh.cgi?import_letter_id=10208
from 1977y, in May the KMMJ hours are 1115-0145 UT; June, 1100-0200
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

As you mentioned in a previous post, Glenn, KFUO is allowed to stay on the air until sunset in Denver. KMMJ is allowed to sign on for the day at sunrise in Atlanta. These are just two examples of what the FCC refers to as a station with "limited hours", a misnomer if ever there was one. If anything, the designation should be what it really is -- "extended hours". 73, (Rick Dau, South Omaha, Nebraska, ABX via DXLD)

** U S A. 850, May 6 at 0144 UT, organ music from NE/SW, vs Rockies BB from the NW = KOA. Surely it's LCMS' KFUO Clayton (St Louis) MO, altho May official FCC sunset there is 0100 UT. IIRC, KFUO gets to stay on until LSS in Denver, which is 0200 UT now. Can't find anything at AM Query for KFUO about this, however. 0145 UT organ music fades or cuts off?

Meanwhile at 0146 UT, KOA pauses to promote ``Talkradio 6-30, K-How`` which was once a competitor, but now both are owned by Citicasters Licenses, Inc. Like me, never heard of that company? It's a big 'un, with several other Denver stations and all over the country:
<http://streamingradioguide.com/licensee-list.php?showall=on&licensee=CITICASTERS+LICENSES%2C+INC.>
perhaps with some more that aren't streamers.

Also, while looking up KOA at FCC, I see that they have a CP for a 10 kW ND aux/backup site at a quite different location to the north and west of the main one, which means closer in to the city of Denver.

When nulling KFUO to get KOA, I am also hearing a weaker station in English underneath; it's too early for Tacoma, so presumably one of several stations after dark in the South. My streetlight ignites at *0137 UT with a clear sky, 14 minutes after Enid sunset at 0123*, cooling a 102-degree day.

850, May 7 at 0134 UT, ``Abide with Me`` by choir; got to be those Lutherans again at KFUO Clayton MO. KOA easily nullable (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 920, May 4 at 0130 UT, Spanish mentions area code 832; loops NNW/SSE so that means it's KYST Texas City (Houston) TX, dominant signal, 5/1 kW U4 per NRC AM Log 2013. Wiki has a table of unverified Mexican ``area codes`` showing 832 for several towns in Tamaulipas, not including Tampico where the state's only 920 resides. I think those are more like exchanges than ACs (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 920, KYFR: See 1560 KKAA entry below

** U S A. 1100, May 3 at 0215 UT, talk host from NW discussing ``gamma waves`` (not rays) in his brain, totally separable from baseball on WTAM Cleveland from the NE and roughly equal strength until the former cuts off abruptly, how rude! 0215 UT is indeed official FCC sunset in May for KNZZ Grand Junxion CO, after ND 50 kW daytime. It's 10 kW directional at night, or 36 kW during Critical Hours, tight figure-8 slightly counterclockwise from N/S, approx. 349/174 degree peaks, 80/260 degree deep nulls, each almost as nully plus/minus 20 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also UNIDENTIFIED 1100

** U S A. Update on 1120 in Austin TX --- KLGO Finds New Home
Last Updated on May 4, 2014 at 5:31 pm 1490
The Word KLGO 1120 --- KTXW Austin --- KOKE-FM

The Christian Preaching format of iThe Wordî KLGO Austin has found a new home. KLGO had broadcast most recently on 1490 until the debut of iFringe 105.3î on April 19 moved the Classic/Texas Country KOKE-FM programming to 1490. KLGO was set to be moved to 1260 KWNX Elgin where it would've replaced a simulcast of Sports/Classic Hits i104.9 The Hornî KTXX-FM Bee Cave. That move never happened leading the programmers to begin a search for a new home for the format, which will take place on Monday, May 12. The KLGO format will debut on what is now Regional Mexican iLa Zî 1120 KTXW Manor. The Bustos Media owned station signed-on in February and operates with 5.6kW daytime and 155 watts nighttime. This is the second move for KLGO caused by KOKE-FM in

as many years. The station relocated from 98.5 and 99.3 in June 2012 to 1490 to make room for the launch of KOKE. Share This: Facebook1 Twitter3 LinkedIn Google Email More Written By Lance Venta Read more: <http://radioinsight.com/blog/headlines/88547/klgo-finds-new-home/> (via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

** U S A. 1190, May 2 at 0127 UT, loops north/south, sign-off refers to FM 105.7, ``all oldies all the time'', and KKOJ; nice version of Star Spangled Banner by a cappella men's choir (or maybe a smaller group, hard to tell in QRM) until 0129.

This is 5 kW directional daytimer in Jackson MN, on I-90 next to the IA border with co-town Spirit Lake per website with program schedule:

http://kkoj.com/kkoj_schedule.htm

where we see that ``Your One and Oldies Music'' is the format on KRAQ FM, which of course is not signing off, while the AM is country. Sked shows off at 6:45 pm which needs to be updated now in May. In fact, per FCC AM Query, the last month with sundown at 6:45 was October when on CDT. 0130* UT is correct for May; 0200* UT in June & July. NRC Pattern Book shows a boomerang shape, with wings to the north and southwest; while FCC

http://transition.fcc.gov/ftp/Bureaus/MB/Databases/AM_DA_patterns/198344-11103.pdf is similar but not pulled in so much to the WNW, and we get a good bit of it to the SSW. Has a deep null toward the non-directional not so far away in Marshalltown IA (and incidentally toward Fort Wayne IN)

1190, May 7 at 0128.3 UT, I want to hear that real Star Spangled Banner signoff again like I logged May 2 at this hour from KKOJ in Jackson, southwest Minnesota, and there it is amid QRM, sounds like an harmonious male quartet and this time I can also make out some SFX of rockets and bombs, ends at 0129.9* UT (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1510, May 6 at 0551 UT, dominant signal is something new, Mexican music, long corrido, loops somewhat CCW from E/W. 0555 partial ID as ``La Ke Buena'' with no WLAC to be heard, but that must be in a fade, regaining shortly making 4 Hz SAH, during C2CAM; just after 0600 UT ID in accented English as ``WQQW, La Ke Buena'' and right back to music.

This is a 1 kW *daytimer* directional toward me! COL Highland IL, address in Belleville = St Louis MO market. See my previous log of November 7, 2013 in DXLD 13-46, when heard around sunrise, updating entry in NRC AM Log when it was in English as a ``hometown station'' for Madison county, quite a reversal (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1560, May 7 at 0141 UT, Harold Camping lives! Not on SW WYFR

any more, but on KKAA, 10/10 kW U4 from Aberdeen SD. And he is getting younger, judging from his voice compared to the last days on SW. Also had him at 0133 UT May 7 on more common Family Radio station, 920, KYFR, 5/2.5 kW U4, Shenandoah IA. Now at 0141 and 0151 UT I can tell that 920 and 1560 are // and synchronized. How fortunate we are, since the FR translator in Enid remains defunct from 88.3. KKAA dominant on 1560, no KGOW to be heard (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1570, May 4 at 0545 UT, in XERF null, Christian Resource Center in Beckley WV mentioned, unclear if start, stop or mid-program, but per

<http://www.christianradiojournal.com/index.php/find-a-station.html>
hovering over MO, they have a 1570 in ``Branson'', as I expected, my closest in the XERF null, axually KBCV, COL Hollister (Springfield address), 5/3 kW U4, with night pattern major lobe NW, minor SE, but we're far enough off its null toward Del Rio. Furthermore it's the only 1570 at

http://www.thechristianradiojournal.com/images/documents/pdf/crj_stations.pdf
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1660, May 7 at 0138 UT, C&W music from N/S must be KQWB, West Fargo ND, ex-True Oldies. That Channel is being abolished as of June 30 and affiliates are already bailing out. Three items about this are in DXLD 14-18. Soon overtaken by Rockies vs Rangers on the ``Texas Rangers ESPN Radio Network'', i.e. KRZI Waco TX (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 96.3, May 2 at 2013 UT on caradio, since I had Mexico on TV earlier, I'm on lookout for any signs of FM DX. On this normally open frequency, a quick fade-in-and-out not in Spanish, but English ``music station channel 9-6-3'', soon gone before could evaluate what kind of music. Must have been airplane scatter thanks to Vance AFB, as KZCH Derby (Wichita) KS goes by ``Channel 9-6-3'' per Wikipedia, tho WTFDA FM Database has it as ``Channel 96 point 3''. (The *real channel* number is 242, but only FCC uses them; never caught on amongst broadcasters.) (BTW, 96.3 may not be open much longer as there is a CP for a translator in Enid of 95.1 KQCV, which will also ruin reception here of 96.1 KXXY OKC) (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. FLEA POWER FM BEFORE BLOWTORCH AM --- It's funny the way the radio industry has evolved, when you have these flea powered translators popping up all over attached to a heritage AM signal and all the website or on air mention is the FM translator. This happens all the time, a powerful, flamethrower, blowtorch heritage AM signal (50+mile radius) simulcasting with a new flea powered FM side (10m radius at best) and all that's mentioned is the FM. Is AM really that horrible and insignificant. . . [and 14+ replies]

<http://radioinsight.com/community/topic/flea-power-fm-before-blowtorch-am/>

(oasisrulz, Radioinsight forum via gh, DXLD)

** U S A. KENTUCKY PIRATE SLAPPED WITH \$15,000 FINE

Changing frequency and blowing off the FCC bumps the NAL up from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Does anyone know how often the violators pay their fines? If many or most don't, it doesn't want anyone to know that.

<http://www.radioworld.com/article/kentucky-pirate-slapped-with--fine/270189>
(Dennis Gibson, Sent from my iPhone, ABDX via DXLD)

Do they pay on the first NAL? Usually not. But when they don't, it goes into the federal system; and if the scofflaw pirate later tries to get a tax refund or Social Security benefits or a mortgage, they get nailed. The smart ones who want to operate within the system submit tax returns to show they have no assets, and get the fines reduced very substantially. Most of them aren't that smart...or aren't operating "on the grid," if you will, at all. s (Scott Fybush, NY, ibid.)

** U S A. Finally, our first significant regional tropo opening of the spring, morning of May 6! I know something is up when I turn on 90.1 and hear Radio Kansas, KHCC Hutchinson, totally capturing the frequency from KUCO in OK, on the nondirectional YB-400 whip. KHCC is in a pledge drive interrupting 'Morning Edition'. The Kansan gospel huxter on 91.5 is also elbowing KOSU 91.7, forcing me to off-tune for it to 91.75 but still hear some ACI.

So after breakfast I switch to TV with the antenna rotated north. Hepburn tropo map for 1200 UT today shows a minor purple area in eastern OK and eastern KS, so we're at the western edge of the opening.

1325 UT, all the big Wichita signals are solid on VHF and UHF, starting with KSNW-45, so I look for other ones.

1328 UT, still an NTSC signal on channel 28 and only 28, tnx to 8.8 kW KWKD-LP Wichita with Daystar. It's weak with JBA sound but enough to lock and recognize. On the B&W analog TV I keep an eye on 28, where it's a lot easier to peak the rotator on Wichita than with a DTV signal, and it is fading out by 1500 UT as the DTVs are also weakening and dropping off. Titan TV fails to list KWKD 28 for Wichita, just a TBN translator somewhere, K28JB, which is not in the W9WI.com database for Kansas. And not in FCC TV Query either for anywhere!

KWKD analog 28 is // but not synchronized with Daystar OKC via Cable 95 in Enid (the latter breaks up and sometimes goes to black, apparently due to off-air pickup QRM to 50 kW KOCM RF 46 Norman? Enid Suddenlink has claimed they get everything from OKC via fibre now, not air, but maybe not applicable to this minor but apparently must-carry

signal. I am not getting anything on 46 directly, but there are two low-powers in Kansas, and three others in Oklahoma including most likely Tulsa.)

From 1330 UT I find that RF 43 bears THIS TV as 43.1 and a whole bunch of others, i.e. KCTU-LD Wichita KS with only 2.7 kW per W9WI.com which shows only 3 subchannels,

*43.1:E:Fn
*43.2:E:AMG
*43.3:E:Untamed
*43.4:E:Fn

Asterisks mean ``major virtual channel guessed, not in database``.

But I identify eight with PSIPs!

43-1 THIS [not really? see 43-6]
43-2 EBRU TV
43-3 SPORTS
43-4 HEALTH
43-5 AMG/FAM
43-6 COOL TV [but with THIS bug in lower corner!]
43-7 MICASA [so it's Spanish?]
43-8 LAUNCH [old low def off-color movie? no sound either]

Titan TV is seldom complete, accurate and up-to-date, but I bring up its Wichita on-air listings which also include much of the rest of Kansas as far as Colby. Its lineup for KCTU 43 is rather different:

43.1, KCTU Wichita - THISTV
43.2, KCTU-Cool EBRUTV
43.3, KCTU-DT3 UNTAMED
43.4, TVScout Ind
43.5, KCTU-LD6 Ind
43.6, KCTU-Ebru COOLTV
43.7, KCTU-LD7 IND [programming unavailable]
43.8, KCTU-LD8 IND [programming unavailable]
[and no higher channels]

I'd never heard of EBRU TV before, so Google it; surely not the ``newest cable network`` by 2014y!:

<http://www.ebru.tv/en/forms/about-us.html>

``Ebru TV takes pride in being the newest cable network that offers a complete television experience that is both wholesome and exhilarating for family viewers of all ages. Launched nationally in 2006, the network broadcasts 24 hours in English to viewers across the United States.

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Click on the `Demand EBRU TV from your TV provider`` button leads to:
<http://www.ebru.tv/en/forms/channelfinder.html>

So I enter a zip for Wichita, and get NO on-air ``providers``, so they don't even know they are carried on KCTU (or don't want us to know). And just what is the Turkish/Azerbaijani connexion? Where does the name come from: surely nothing to do with Hebrew?? BTW, the U in EBRU logo is a pair of flames (or petals?). Programming includes Dr. Who! but hardly exclusively.

1329 UT on RF 30, discussion of juicing, program bug lower left says DAYtime. 1335 UT on RF 30, 30-1 RTV, but much of the time it's black even tho with 'good' signal, apparently a transmission problem. By 1416, Retro TV is showing, and no subchannels. At 1442 UT it's black again, but then revives so I can identify multiple channels from it:
30-1, Retro
30-2, HRTHD ñ video of a radio talk show, about music?
30-3, FAM
30-4, PBJ
30-5, TUFF

This more or less matches Titan TV, except here too some of the channel identifiers are mixed up:

30.1, KSMI-LD RTVNET
30.2, KSMI-LD2 HEARTLAND
30.3, KSMI-fam FAMILYCHAN
30.4, KSMI-TUF PBJ
30.5, KSMI-LD5 TUFFTV

W9WI.com shows this as KSMI-LP, 15 kW in Wichita KS but only as a CP LD and a CP-MOD LD, with seven different channels:

*30.1:E:RTV
*30.2:E:My Family TV
*30.3:E:PBJ
*30.4:E:Tuff TV
*30.5:E:FGO
*30.6:E:Jewelry TV
*30.7:E:Jamz

The asterisks mean ``major virtual channel guessed, not in database''. KSMI also listed on RF 51, which if really on, I would not see here due to OKC, but they probably left it for 30 now activated.

1352 UT on RF 14, DTV 17 KAAS-DT is decoding. But per W9WI.com, KAAS Salina is on RF 17, displays as ``18'', and relays KSAS RF 26 Wichita ``24''. On RF 14 it's really KOCW, 40 kW in Hoisington KS which evidently does not relay KSAS directly, but via KAAS. Is it really picked up off-the-air, double relay? That's risky. Hoisington is just north of Great Bend and a bit closer to Salina than to Wichita.

1355 UT on RF 44, I am getting NBC `Today' just like on 45 from KSNW, but soon to local break, news and weather from `KY3', i.e. KYTV, another ``3'', Springfield MO --- despite antenna still being pointed at Wichita. Bunch of photos. At 1428 UT, I see a subchannel, 3-2, labeled on PSIP: KY3 24/ --- it's supposed to be 24/7 as displayed on screen, but by leaving a space within the PSIP which allows only 7 characters, the last of 8 characters is cut off! Duh. It's Weather Nation, combo with local info. Bunch of more photos.

From <http://www.worldofradio.com/tvdxotos.html> ---

May 6, 2014, 1355 UT, Tropo from DTV RF 44, KYTV ``3.1'' a.k.a. ``KY3'', Springfield MO, ~260 miles, local weather in Today Show:
<http://www.w4uvh.net/KYTV1.jpg>

May 6, 2014, 1431 UT, Tropo from DTV RF 44, KYTV ``3.2'', Springfield MO, ~260 miles, Weather Nation; note PSIP as KY3 24/ cutting off the 7 since only 7 characters are allowed!

<http://www.w4uvh.net/KYTV2.jpg>

1425 UT, I rotate ENE toward Springfield MO to see what else may be incoming besides 44: RF 23 has:

21-1, OPT-HD kidvid

21-2, OPT-LD? more kidvid

21-3, OPT Create

This is KOZK, 100 kW in Springfield, Ozark Public Television

1426 UT, RF 22 with PSIP for 2-1, KSNC-DT which is Great Bend KS

1427 UT, RF 16 with Smoky Hills public TV bugs in LR or LL and:

9-1, KOOD-1

9-2, KOOD-2, same PBS kidvid as on KOOD-1, but not synchro!! Why? Are they relaying KPTS or some other station here?

9-3, KOOD-3, Create

This is 496 kW in Hays KS; W9WI.com also shows a 9-4, PBS World, unseen. KOOD also has transmitters in Lakin, Colby, Dodge City.

By 1500 UT, the Kansas signals are fading out, but at 1519 UT, KSNW-45 is still in-and-out. By 1533 UT, RF 45 is overtaken by KOTV Tulsa, even with antenna still toward Wichita. So then pointed at Tulsa, still solid for most of the hour as I am somehow tuned first to 6-3, which is Newson6 --- but it's 4 hours old, as obvious from the continuous clock showing 6:xx am! Make that Oldson6. Report from Guthrie wildfires. Graphic style and everything match sibling station KWTV 39 OKC, except their old-news-channel is 9-2, News 9N while 9-1, the main CBS channel is nevertheless named News9. KOTV has an additional channel: 6-2 KOTV-CW while 6-1 is PSIP'd: KOTV-HD.

It's amazing how there is a complete lack of standardization in the way PSIP IDs are handled. The 30 and 43 LPs in Wichita don't show their real callsigns anywhere, not even on the -1 channel. There is also an RF 24 LP in Wichita, blocked here by OKC.

Distance-wise this opening was nothing special, but with the reduced reach of DTV, not getting any of these under dead conditions for months, 100 miles seems like real DX! And it is real DX concerning low-power outlets. Quick approximations, not site to site, by <http://www.distancefromto.net> ---

From Enid to:

Wichita KS 152 km = 94 statute miles

Hoisington KS 249 km = 155 statute miles

Hays KS 305 km = 189 statute miles

Springfield MO 419 km = 260 statute miles

BTW, my rotor currently won't reach between NNW and WNW, but fortunately not much TVDX to be had from those angles. Antenna is the C-490 about 21 feet above ground (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO

1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Morning of May 7, tropo opening much like yesterday's with DTV TVDX from Kansas again, but also Missouri and Nebraska, out as far as Omaha. KHCC is again capturing 90.1 from KUCO, so a quick check of TV before breakfast finds first:

1352 UT on RF-49, 49-1 as KTKA-HD with GMA from ABC; 49-2 as KTKA-WX; 49-3 at KTKACW+, i.e. Topeka KS. (Dave Pomeroy there later replied he was getting OKC and as far as DFW, 500+ miles in his first decent tropening of the year; I didn't look for anything from the south). Hepburn map for 1200 UT today shows purple in north/central KS, eastern NE, but not extending into OK.

[BTW, there are still a few stations above channel 51 in W9WI.com listings, translators or low power mostly, many of them in Texas, northern Mexico, some hi power --- so must keep surfing above 51.]

Our normally strong semi-local, 91.7 KOSU is squeezed on both sides via the breakfast table DX-390, so I listen a bit to 91.9 at 1355 UT: politico-religious discussion until 1355 UT outro as 'Insight' on the Sonlife Broadcast Network. Then Jimmy Swaggart and his grandson shilling family products. I can barely make it // 1490 in Guthrie OK, the Swaggart-owned station KMFS. 1400 ID as Sonlife, originating from 88.5 WJFM, Baton Rouge LA, plus local ID for 91.9, KBDD, Winfield-Wichita. It's not that far but normally don't hear it at all, despite 48 kW at 150 meters vs IBOC from KOSU. Then it's back to the TV DX shack, antenna northward again.

1412 UT on RF 20, DTV 7-1 KETV-DT, which is Omaha NE, along with 7-2, KETV-ME, the latter with Perry Mason B&W. Several photos around 1428 UT, including attempted closeup of the ME/KETV bug in the lower right. 7-1 has circle 7 and KETV bug LR. Not new, but considerable DX at city-to-city of 565 km = 351 statute miles. KETV holds up better and longer than any of the closer signals, still in past 1500 UT when Wichitans have faded into the Bad signal zone, until about 1530 UT, and decoded again briefly at 1545 UT.

From <http://www.worldofradio.com/tvdxphotos.html> ---
May 7, 2014, 1428 UT, Tropo from DTV RF 20, KETV ``7.1'', Omaha NE,
~351 miles, Rachael Ray with circle 7 bug:
<http://www.w4uvh.net/KETV1.jpg>

May 7, 2014, 1428 UT, Tropo from DTV RF 20, KETV ``7.2'', Omaha NE,
MEtv bugs during Perry Mason with calls:
<http://www.w4uvh.net/KETV2.jpg>
<http://www.w4uvh.net/KETV3.jpg>
<http://www.w4uvh.net/KETV4.jpg>

and a close-up of the bug:

<http://www.w4uvh.net/KETV5.jpg>

1414 UT on RF 17, DTV 8-1 KPTS-HD and its two subchannels as also seen on RF-8. In its infinite wisdom, FCC originally allocated only two VHF channels to Wichita KS, forcing two other network affiliates to find a channel elsewhere, like smaller city Hutchinson, starting with KTVH, CBS on 12, later renamed KWCH for obvious reasons. For PBS, KPTS also had to use a Hutchinson allocation on 8. With the DTV era, VHF 8 has reduced coverage from Hutchinson into Wichita, so they added RF 17 which is really in Wichita, per FCC TV Query, altho W9WI.com puts it in Hutchinson too. Strangely enough, both 8 and 17 have the same calls, KPTS; while any little translator gets to have its own unique call. I don't recall getting KPTS on 17 before. Maybe because it's only 13.7 kW per W9WI.com where many antenna heights are missing.

1414 UT on RF 14, my Zenith STB converter is confused by getting KAAS-DT again from Hoisington, which remaps at DTV 17-1.

1415 UT on 28, the sole NTSC signal I can ever get anymore is visible again weakly, like yesterday, Daystar's 8.8 kW KWKD-LP Wichita KS.

1420 UT on RF 10, 10-1, KAKE-DT with Rachel Ray, while 10-2 has exact same PSIP as KAKE-DT but carrying ME with Perry Mason // KETV Omaha. I double checked to be sure I was getting this on RF 10 rather than RF 21 both from Wichita.

1423 UT on RF 30, 30-1 with RETRO, which is KSMI-LD Wichita. No time to recheck its other four channels; I wonder what PBJ is on -4, as seen yesterday? [answered below:]

1424 UT on RF 41, DT 38-1 KMCI-TV with circle 38 bug in lower right: it's Lawrence KS but fancies itself a Kansas City airport station [see Pomeroy, below]

1425 UT on RF 42, DTV 41-1 KSHB-TV with NBC Today - Kansas City

1426 UT on RF 47, DTV 62-1 KSMO-TV says PSIP; didn't get it long enough to note programming

1431 UT on RF 18, DTV 19-1 KCPT-1; 19-2 KCPT-2 with such a bug in LR; 19-3 KCPT-3 with Create and own calls added to that LR bug; Kansas City which is approx 418 km = 260 statute miles from Enid (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The first decent tropo this year this morning with primarily Dallas area (500+miles) as well as Tulsa, Oklahoma City and channels 4 and 5

from central Nebraska (Dave Pomeroy, Topeka, Kansas, 1405 UT May 7, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

[Later:] I got two new ones from Lincoln, NE this morning with first a strong signal on channel 26.1 (K26JQ-D) -- a 3ABN station. With the signal so strong I tried channel 51 and got KFXL-DT for the first time. KPXE-51 from Kansas City, MO has kept it out up to now. Most distant to the north was KMEG-39 from Sioux City, IA. In from the DFW area were KDFW-35, KDAF-32, KMPX-30, KTVT-19, KTXD-46, KSTR-48, KDFI-36. From Oklahoma KWTV-39, KTBO-15, KTUL-10 and KJRH-8.

One I can't identify is KGBO-25. I can't find information about it anywhere. Anybody know this station? I have noticed that KTAJ-21 from Kansas City, MO (city of license is St. Joseph) has dropped their call letters from their PSIP using now only TBN. I did have a TBN station this morning on channel 17. Not sure which one it is. Sure wish they and ION stations used call letters and not TBN and ION.

Glenn, I have seen KPTS on channel 17 only once. Don't see it very often on channel 8. KWCH-19 from Hutchinson is in almost daily at about 125 miles. KAAS-17 from Salina is frequent. Channel 14 in Hoisington, KS was in this morning. As you mentioned they also use the same PSIP as KAAS-TV. Quite confusing as it is not a translator but a satellite station.

KTVH-12 was the first TV station licensed to Kansas to go on the air. Like KPTS they also have a UHF channel in Wichita. On channel 12 they have to remain located in Hutchinson and have always had problems in Wichita. The first Wichita station was KEDD-TV, NBC on channel 16. That would have made a good all UHF market back in the 50s with flat land and no VHF competition. The FCC sure screwed that up. The all UHF markets were successful elsewhere. WLKY-32 survived in Louisville with ABC.

KMCI-41 is licensed to Lawrence, KS but the transmitter is on the east side of Kansas City, MO. I was able to pick it up on an indoor antenna here in Topeka when their transmitter was actually in Lawrence. The only mention of Lawrence now is very small in the ID. Hard to read even in HD (Dave Pomeroy, Topeka, Kansas, May 7, WTFDA via DXLD)

Channel 17 is licensed as a "Digital Replacement Translator". "Replacement", of coverage the station had in analog and lost in digital. At least that's the theory.

Replacement translators are subject to the same technical regulations as ordinary translators (such as the 15 kW power limit, and the failure to track HAAT) (FWIW, the FCC TV Query has a link that will *calculate* HAAT for LPTVs. Channel 17 is 129m HAAT.) Their coverage

must be contained within the coverage of the station's old analog signal (but may extend its digital signal).

The FCC accepted Replacement Translators outside the ordinary filing window. These translator licenses are part of the main station (channel 8) license. They cannot be transferred separately. And they don't have their own call letters -- they take the calls of the station they relay. So arguably, there are two KPTSs: the one on channel 8 and the one on channel 17.

(In my column, just to keep things straight I append the FCC Application Reference Number to the call letters to denote a Replacement Translator. This one would be KPTS-0618ABH, for ARN 20130618ABH. That is strictly unofficial.)

A station may have more than one Replacement Translator. WSB-TV Atlanta has two, with a permit for a third and an application on file for one more.

PBJ = "Peanut Butter & Jelly", a network for kids with shows like "The Archies", "Kid Fitness", "He-Man", and "Mr. Magoo". It's a Luken network, ala Heartland and Tuff TV (Doug Smith, TN, W9WI, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, Dave, PBJ is a Luken network primarily airing cartoons.
<http://www.watchpbj.tv>

[Re Pomeroy's logs above:] 25 is probably K25CV-D in Hays, which relays KGBD-LD 30 (easily mistaken for KGBO) in Great Bend which, itself, relays KAKE. I have no further information on these stations, so if you happened to catch the PSIP or anything like that, I'd love to know about it. TBN on 17 is probably KDOR in Bartlesville, OK. I'm not aware of any other TBN station on 17.

Both TBN and ION transmit unique TSIDs and usually transmit the call sign in the "Long Channel Name" which is not shown by most receivers. (When I initially set up KSMI-LD when it increased from 4 channels to 6, I did the same thing, putting the full legal ID in the Long Channel Name. Hopefully it's still there, as I left that as a policy at Luken when I left.) TSReader picks up the Long Channel Name, while the TSID is picked up by lots of software. The auto-scanner on RabbitEars uses TSID as one of its primary means of IDing stations (Trip Ericson, <http://www.rabbitears.info> WTFDA via DXLD)

** VANUATU. 7259.967, English program of Radio Vanuatu, VST Port Vila, heard like speech to the crowd interspersed by local south sea music, around 0930 UT May 6th, weak S=5-6 at -91dBm strength in remote SDR unit downunder in Australia.

NOT \\ 3945 kHz, but heard instead 3945.000 kHz, R Nikkei 2, S=4 in Australia at -92dBm, \\ much stronger 6115 kHz. 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B.schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN. 7250, May 2 at 0527, Vatican Radio is already on with tail of Albanian service which is not supposed to be on SW; 0528 harp music; 0529 cut to bells prior to scheduled 0530 English broadcast (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Oops, 0530 is not English but Latin Mass, altho with multilingual announcements, maybe some English:

A14 schedule for Vatican Radio in English

0140-0200	Daily	AsAu	11730-ta	15470-ph
0300-0320	Daily	AsAu	15460-va	
0300-0330	Daily	Af	7360-md	9660
0500-0530	Daily	Af	11625	13765-md
0630-0645	Daily	DomME	585	15595
0630-0700	Daily	Af	13765	15570
0815-0930vw....	DomEu	585	7250
			(Paypal [sic!] Audience - may include English)	
1130-1200f.	AsAu	17590	21560 (mass)
1530-1550	Daily	AsAu	11850-ta	15110-ph 17500-va-drm
1615-1630	Daily	DomME	585	15595
1730-1800	Daily	Af	11625	13765 15570
1920-1940	s.....	Dom	1260	(Tagalog & English)
2000-2030	Daily	Af	13765	15570 (Vatican Radio schedule)
World news	in English	is heard regularly daily at 1615-1630 on 15595		
kHz	(Allen Dean, Padham, Lancashire, England, UK, Eton Satellit 750 /			
10m LW;	Grundig S450 DLX,	May BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)		

Note: BDXC uses Sunday thru Saturday on its day-of-week dots, while WRTH and its Updates use Monday thru Sunday; why not agree? (gh, DXLD)

** VIETNAM. 9550, Hanoi, 1633, fr yl / moustache 9555, 28avr14 (Michel Lacroix, from Saint-Paul near Beauvais, France, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

What do you mean by 'moustache' with Vietnam 9550? (Glenn TO Michel, via DXLD)

Hello Glenn, tnx for answering. A moustache, not whiskers ;) here, but simply too large adjacent signal or interference for a French funny speaking swl. You may find some bc swl on dx_rad on yahoo.groups.fr 73's (Michel Lacroix, from Saint-Paul near Beauvais, France, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM [and non]. VIETNAME, 6165 R. Voz do Vietnam, Xuan Mai, 2151-2200, 01/5, mong (ou hmong), hino nacional, ID e anuncio das freqs., sinal momentaneamente fora do ar, pelas 2154; 45433, ORM da

China, às 2155, ao que se seguiu forte QRM adjacente da R. China Int., em 6175, via retransmissão europeia.

9635.75, idem, Son Tay, 0959-desvanecimento total [fade-out] 1050, 05/5, vietnamita, anúncios informativos, separadores musicais, texto, canções; 15432. Neste dia e a esta hora, o tx do Mali, em 9635 ainda não estava no ar; só houve sinal pelas 1100; em todo o caso, não havia QRM muita porque ambos os sinais são recebidos por antenas Beverage diferentes. Bons DX e 73 (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9635.77, VoV, Son Tay. The National Network 1 service with ID at 0937 followed by a discussion/interview program in Vietnamese, fair and in the clear on 2/4. Also noted at 2305 with a weak signal on 5/4 (Rob Wagner, VK3BVW, Mount Evelyn, VIC (Kenwood TS2000, Yaesu FRG100, Double Bazooka antennas for 80 and 40 metres, Par EF-SWL End Fed antenna, BHI NEIM1031 Digital Noise Eliminating Module, MFJ-1026 Noise Cancelling Module, ATU), May Australian DX News via DXLD)

** VIETNAM [non]. 12005, GERMANY. Voice of Viet Nam relay via Wertachtal heard at 0120 GMT on 5/3/14. Vietnamese folk songs and an explanation of each in English. Good (Bob Brossell, Pewaukee WI, JRC NRD-545; Eton E1; Sony ICF SW77, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD) ?? It's via Woofferton UK (gh, DXLD)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. 1550.0, 1240-1300* 03/5, ALGERIA, POLISARIO Front, Rabouni - cland. Cast px, songs, px Espacio Cultural, anthem. 25341. Bons DX e 73 (Carlos Gonçalves, PORTUGAL, JRC NRD-545DSP & DRAKE R-E; Advanced Receiver amp.; raised, 4 loop K9AY, 30 m 180J/0J mini-Bev., 80 m 300J/120J Bev., 200 m 270J/90J Bev., 270 m 145J/325J Bev., 300 m 225J/45J Bev, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** ZANZIBAR. 11735, Zanzibar BC, 2031, Swahili superbe, chant traditionnel avec un son correct, 25avr14 (Michel Lacroix, from Saint-Paul near Beauvais, France, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Hi All, This morning a very strong jammer was heard again on 198 kHz. Unlike the jamming I mentioned a couple of weeks ago, which was between two channels (198 & 207 kHz) this one was clearly on 198. It was there when I tuned in at 0610 UT approximately, almost blocking completely the BBC4 signal at my location here, near Strasbourg, France. At 0627 UT it stopped abruptly. 0644 UT. the jammer is back again. Anyone in central Europe hear it? I think this has something to do with the Ukraine conflict, but I can't really see who the target is. I don't think it is the BBC; but then who can it be??? 73, (Remy Friess, France, May 3, BDXC-UK yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DXLD)

Jamming on LW seems unlikely, perhaps it could be local electrical interference of some sort. Have you tried listening on remote receivers (e.g. using Globaltuners, etc.) at the same time as you are hearing it locally? 73s (Dave Kenny, ibid.)

No, I haven't. I am on a dialup line and I don't have enough bandwidth to use Twente or the likes. It can't be local interference; it is clearly a flutter sound like the ones we used to hear in the Soviet era. 73s (RÈmy, ibid.)

Cher RÈmy, Jump into your car and drive some kilometers away of your house location. And switch on a handheld receiver there on 198 kHz, you will hear a very clear BBC signal then. I guess strongly, you receive a very local electrical device interference signal instead.

Receive via PERSEUS SDR network:

At 1040 UT BBC 198 kHz is in the clear all over Europe, in England, Belgium, Holland, Italy, Germany etc. etc.

Your assumption / hypothesis is a little bit strange these days on Ukraine/EU/NATO/OBAMA political matter on Putlandia.

Rather few will listen to BBC longwave these days, more likely rather visit TV watching INSTEAD on

Rossiya 24:

http://k61.dn.ua/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&layout=item&id=6331&Itemid=767
73 wolfy df5sx (Wolfgang Bischel, Stuttgart, Allemagne, ibid.)

On the French radio-related mailing-list service RGLOBE, someone living near Avignon (540 km south of my QTH) says he heard it. Hardly a local interference.... ;-) For the benefit of those of you who read French I'm pasting the rglobe thread underneath. At the moment (1155 UT) the jammer is not there anymore and BBC4 is heard very well. 73s, (RÈmy, ibid.) Viz.:

Le 03/05/2014 08:57, RÈmy Friess a Ècrit :

Bonjour, Il y a quelques temps je signalais un brouilleur en OL. Il Ètait alors entre les canaux de 198 et 207 kHz. Il est ¶ nouveau prÈsent ce matin, mais prÈcisÈment sur 198 kHz. Il y Ètait quand je me suis mis ¶ l'Ècoute ¶ 0610 TU, s'est arrÈtÈ brusquement ¶ 0627, puis est revenu ¶ 0644. Un canal ¶ surveiller. J'imagine que cela a ¶ voir quelque chose avec le conflit ukrainien. Mais quoi? ¿+, RÈmy.

Le 03/05/2014 13:28, Bernard Enfelder a Ècrit :

Bonjour, Je l'ai captÈ Ègalement. AprÈs le 1er message de RÈmy ce matin, je me suis mis ¶ l'Ècoute il Ètait bien prÈsent, 0650 TUC environ. Mon QTH est ¶ une 20taine de km au sud de celui de RÈmy.

73, Bernard.

Le 03/05/2014 09:55, Jean-François Lecomte a Écrit :
Bonjour, Quel rapport? Pas d'Emetteur Ukrainien sur 198 kHz ! Et la BBC n'Émet pas dans cette langue. JFL

Bonjour, Moi aussi. Je viens juste d'allumer l'ordi et de voir vos messages; c'est pour cela que je ne me suis pas manifesté plus tôt. Mais ce brouilleur était bien présent ce matin. Je voulais écouter la BBC. Impossible avec l'antenne filaire. J'ai ressorti mon vieux Sony ICF2001 et avec la ferrite j'ai presque pu l'annuler. Claude Garneray
PS: mon QTH actuel (et très provisoire) est à côté d'Avignon (via Remy, ibid.)

Regarding my previous message, seems I hit the send button a couple of minutes too early. Claude Garneray, on RGLOBE, says the jamming started again two seconds into the BBC news-bulletin at 1200 UT and stopped after the end of that bulletin. Does the picture get any clearer??? 73, (Remy, ibid.) Viz.:

Le 03/05/2014 14:48, Claude Garneray a Écrit :
A 1200 TU le brouillage a recommencé deux secondes après le début du bulletin d'information de la BBC et a cessé quelques secondes après la fin de ce bulletin. On commence à cerner la situation, 1+. Claude Garneray, Liste de diffusion RGLOBE (via Remy, ibid.)

If this interference is being heard more widely within France, another possibility might be DRM, which sounds just like jamming. DRM would also spread over the adjacent channels. Algeria is known to be installing new DRM-capable transmitters on LW and 198 kHz is an Algerian channel. Perhaps RTA is testing DRM during their own news bulletins? This is only a guess, it would need checking with a DRM receiver to confirm, but there are very few such receivers in circulation. Maybe the direction can be established using portable receivers, especially from the south of France. 73s (Dave Kenny, WORLD OF RADIO 1720, ibid.)

Remy, nothing heard here. This morning I was tuning across 198 kHz several times (before I read your mail) but nothing unusual was audible. Can you please provide a recording? (Karel Honzik, CZECHIA, May 3, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1100, May 7 at 0131 UT some classic rock, seems NE/SW but surely not WTAM Cleveland. Music shortly fades out (or goes off?) as WTAM fades up with baseball. There aren't very many 1100s around; both KKLL Webb City MO and KDRY Alamo Heights TX are supposedly Christian. KDRY's May sunset to go directional is 0115 UT; and so is KKLL's as a daytimer, plus critical hours; plus PSSA after 0115 of 5

watts the first hour, 3 watts the second; so what can it be? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED [and non]. 1500, May 7 at 0144 UT, quite a mix of silly ballgames: basketball from dominant KSTP, Spurs game mentioning rebound after rebound which I assume does not apply much to baseball, but with SAH of approx. 5 Hz, another station best heard with KSTP nulled carrying Cardinals baseball, reference at 0148 to cardinals.com where I don't find any obvious link to their radio station list.

Searching directly on that, the best I can find is last year's:

http://stlouis.cardinals.mlb.com/stl/downloads/y2013/stl_radio_map13.pdf

And no, you don't get 2014 by changing two numbers. Map takes forever to load and then you have to hunt for 1500s, as the map is not searchable. None found. Could be merely Pawhuska OK, I suppose, but last year the Bartlesville affil was KWON 1400. If DXM and DXN were on paper, I could have found baseball networks quickly instead of wasting a lot of time hunting & searching the pdfs (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Estimados amigos, Estou pesquisando uma emissora que ouvi dia 03/05/2014: 3430, 2155 03/05/14, B, Emissora n,o identificada, NarraÃ,o de partida de futebol do Campeonato Brasileiro, 1º Tempo da Partida, Cart,o Amarelo para o Ricardo, SINPO 23332 AgradeÃ,o aos colegas que puder ajudar nesta informaÃ,o (Antonio Avelino, radioescutas yg via DXLD) Not an even MW harmonic (gh)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6947.44, May 7 at 0112 AM carrier, fair signal, thot it might develop into a pirate, but mostly silence, occasional tones, clix, still at 0122 and later. Mystery carrier has appeared here before (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

---Otherness: 6947.4, UNID: 0205, 0325, 0400, 7-May; S9 carrier with low whine & random(?) clicking; at 0205 sounded a bit like a dial telephone; 0325 near continuous clicking. It's not Morse, just clicks. (Harold Fodge, Midland MI, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Target Practice at the United Militia Hoe Down? Seriously, you got me hanging, but it sure is loud and strong! I can't even really tell what mode it is in. Sounds like there might be a weak carrier there, but if it is AM it is a VERY reduced carrier. Not like anything I've ever heard before, but it does sort of sound like gunfire if you tune it just right is SSB! (Ken Zichi, MI, opining, MARE Tipsheet via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. A station, playing Egyptian music, was heard on 9550 kHz on May 5, 2014. It signed on at approximately 1027 UT with 1 kHz test tone, followed by a long Arabic folk song at 1031 and signed off at 1038. The station is very similar to the one that the Egyptian DX-er Tarek Zeidan heard a few months ago 1116-1131 on 9400 kHz. You may

find a video here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihYFRmVrayY&list=UU0kdLTbNeM6g6w8oqkXYtsw--73!> (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Equipment: Sony ICF-2001D 30 m. long wire, May 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9720, 1330 on 21/4, one with religious programming in English and another with Greek/Arab songs. Generally in range 45 kHz (9720-9765) at 1330 there are 5 stations broadcasting in English, 3 x CRI, BBC and this unID (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria (Sony ICF2001D, Folded Marconi ant 16meters long), May Australian DX News via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 11222, May 2 at 0516, regular series of pulses, slow enough to count, as the number of pulses between pauses is continuously changing. Not pure carrier CW, but ``fuzzy`` with some modulation so you don't really need BFO to hear it, but it helps. Pinpointing frequency also difficult, somewhere around 11221-11222.

Is this some different kind of ``numbers`` station? Instead of real Morse numbers or `cut numbers` with letters substituting, just count the number of pulses each time. But unbroken series of pulses go beyond just 10, as many as 25 during the few minutes I copied them all; representing alphabetic letters, then? But most of the pulse groups are in the low-single-digits, which doesn't make sense for that. Here's what I copied from 0516 to 0520 or so:

2 - 7 - 4 - 2 - 2 - 1 - 1 - 10 - 2 - 5 - 2 - 6 - 2 - 5 - 8 - 4 - 1 - 7
- 2 - 7 - 6 - 16 - 8 - 1 - 3 - 5 - 12 - 3 - 4 - 9 - 6 - 1 - 1 - 2 - 17
- 1 - 4 - 6 - 2 - 10 - 1 - 4 - 1 - 16 - 16 - 16 - 5 - 13 - 3 - 7 - 1 -
14 - 4 - 6 - 7 - 1 - 3 - 2 - 4 - 1 - 6 - 3 - 1 - 1 - 10 - 5 - 1 - 10 -
11 - 2 - 5 - 2 - 3 - 25 - 8 - 5 - 2 - 5 - 4 - 6 - 8 - 13 - 1 - 1 - 7 -
10 - 1 - 4 - 6 - 4 - 1 - 4 - 2 - 1 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 3 - 6 - 11 - 2 - 1 -
3 - 2 - 2 - 1 - 7 - 13 - 3 - 18 - 6

Can anyone decode that? I did not pay attention to where some longer pauses were, perhaps separating these into groups. Steady strength and probably not too far away, altho the 11 MHz SWBC band was open from Europe, Africa, South America, New Zealand. Also British VOLMET on 11253-USB. Recheck at 1210 UT May 2, it's still there with the same thing, also at 1314, 1353.

Then searching on 11222 in the UDXF yg, we find 23 messages so far about this since May 1, heard from Europe to eastern North America to New Zealand, subject ``Pulsing "frog" signal 11222Khz LSB``, including:

Synesthetix posted: ``A weird one. Some kind of radar? Audio, 6 minutes:

<http://www.sendspace.com/file/coqfrw>

Zoom H4N, recording ICF-2010 tuned to 11222KHz LSB``

Nils Schiffhauer, DK8OK: ``should be 11.220 USB, TE-204/USC-11 modem of US Air Force; measured baud rate of 150 Baud, four channels (Signals Analyser). See also: <http://bit.ly/R6fSRh> 73 Nils, DK8OK``

Mike Chace-Ortiz: ``It sounds like a broken USAF TE204 4FSK modem. Rarely heard these days``

Paul V. Zecchino, Manasota Key, Florida: ``Sounds even better on 11,220 USB, often used as secondary to 11175. Perhaps the airman forgot to break down the data link after phone patch was complete? Very strong at FL Gulf Coast QTH, within 150 miles of Cape Canaveral/Patrick AFB, etc.``

Brodyflavin: ``I haven't tracked this much today, but for those of you who have what are the max number of buzzes heard in a series? It would be stupid to do it this way, but im wondering if a number of buzzes corresponds to a certain letter or number? We'll never know for sure, I know...``

Nils, DK8OK: ``found also this info:
<http://signals.radioscanner.ru/base/signal82/>
showing this signal in full swing and not seemingly distorted as now on 11.220 kHz``

Tony, Maidens, Scotland: ``I reviewed this very book in March in my blog and did put a link to it on here, obviously it was missed by some of you ñ much like Nils email ages ago describing exactly what the signal was!! The link to the review is:
<http://planesandstuff.wordpress.com/>
Tony`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11222, May 3 at 0212, the buzzy pulser is still here with a widely varying number of pulses per group. 11222, May 4 at 0109, the count-the-number-of-pulses station is no longer heard after about 3 days of activity (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 0705 UT May 2nd, OTHR in 13mb, 21838-21862 kHz wideband range (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DXLD) only 26 kHz, CYPRUS? (gh)

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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ACKNOWLEDGED ON WORLD OF RADIO 1720:

Thanks to Martin H Gallas, Springfield IL, for a contribution via
PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com

TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED FUTURELY:

Hi Glenn, here's ``a little something`` (channeling Pooh Bear) to help you keep DXLD/WOR rolling along in 2014. Thanks, as always for the high quality/reliability DX information you and the rest of the contributors provide. Cheers from the beach, my friend (Dan Sheedy, WB6FJD, with a check to P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702)

Reading your DXLD with always full interest (Michel Lacroix, from Saint-Paul near Beauvais, France, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PUBLICATIONS

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BROADCASTS IN ENGLISH A-14 season

The British DX Clubs twice-yearly booklet, a very handy reference to keep by the radio and not have to use an electronic device to consult current schedules in English. 32 pages consisting of:

BIE in time order, with days of week, country, station, target, frequencies, transmitter site, 18 pages (main section)

Music on Shortwave, with Alan Roe, also in time order, 4 pages

BIE available online, websites and where to click on them:

Live 24 hour internet streaming, 1 page

Streaming at scheduled times: by time, 2+ pages

Programmes On Demand, by country, half page

DX, Media & Mailbag Programmes, 2 pages, by day and then by time

World Radio Network - to Europe, by time; satellite, online, 1 page

World Radio Network - to North America; satellite, online, 1 page

Key to transmitter site abbreviations, 1 page

Prices including postage: UK 3 pounds; Europe 4 pounds, 5 Euro, 6 US\$ or 5 IRCs. Rest of World airmail 5 pounds, 7 US\$ or 6 IRCs.

British DX Club, 10 Hemdean Hill, Caversham, Reading RG4 7SB, UK
pdf copy also available at UK price, <http://www.bdxcc.org.uk>
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WRTH SUMMER SEASON INTERNATIONAL BROADCAST SCHEDULES FILE AVAILABLE FOR FREE DOWNLOAD

The WRTH Editorial team is pleased to announce that the A14

International broadcast season schedules are now available for free download from the WRTH website, navigate to: <http://www.wrth.com> and follow the links.

The file is in PDF format and will require the free Adobe Acrobat reader <http://www.adobe.com>

Included in the 76 page, 3MB, file are the full summer 'A' Season broadcast schedules for International and Clandestine & Other Target broadcasters and DRM, Selected language broadcasts. Also a by frequency listing of the above schedules and a table of sites and site codes used.

We hope you find this a useful accompaniment to the printed WRTH edition. Please feel free to pass this information on and/or repost on social media as you wish. 73, and good listening! (Sean D. Gilbert, International Editor - WRTH (World Radio TV Handbook) On behalf of the WRTH Editorial team, May 5, WORLD OF RADIO 1720, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

POPULAR ELECTRONICS ONLINE ARCHIVE

I grew up in the 60's reading every issue of Popular Electronics from cover to cover. It's were I saw my first listings of European medium wave frequencies. Where I saw plans for my first long wave convertor, and so much more. Now, David Eduardo has added the magazine to his incredible on-line broadcast library:

POPULAR ELECTRONICS: Consumer Electronics and Experimenter publication. Radio News - Radio Television News - Issues from 1919 to 1958. Searchable index. View on <http://www.americanradiohistory.com/Popular-Electronics-Guide.htm> The first few are up. Enjoy! (Brock Whaley, Ireland, May 7 for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SITES DE BUSCA DE ENDEREÇOS DE AMADORES

Além do famoso site <http://www.qrz.com> existem dois outros sites também muito bons, conhecidos por uns e desconhecidos por outros.
<http://hamcall.net/call>
<http://www.hamqth.com/>

Eu gosto muito desses outros dois sites, É sempre bom olhar os 3, pois eu já tive casos de não encontrar o endereço de um amador no www.qrz.com e encontrá-lo em um desses acima. 73 (Alfredo Meurer Jr., ZY1-0001SWL, May 8, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

And of course for US/FCC licensed stations only:

<http://www.arrl.org>
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

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XX ENCUENTRO NACIONAL DEXISTA. LAGOS DE MORENO, JALISCO, M...XICO, 19-20 JULIO.

Diexistas, radioescuchas de las ondas cortas y aficionados a las comunicaciones del occidente de México y de todo el país compartiremos anécdotas, experiencias y conocimientos sobre la radio experimentación en Lagos de Moreno, pueblo mágico, en el estado de Jalisco. Esta ciudad se encuentra cercana a León, Guanajuato y su Aeropuerto del Bajío, y a Aguascalientes, capital del estado homónimo, que cuenta también con aeropuerto.

Organiza Iván Montañd con correo electrónico kfz231 @ hotmail.com y teléfono celular 4747492107. Apertura e inicio del evento a las 12:00 horas en Biblioteca María Soine De Helguera, en Miguel Leandro Guerra N. 520, 47400 Lagos de Moreno. En media tarde recorridos y posteriormente taller de antenas y noche diexista en Calle Rincón Gallardo #22 Norte, Colonia San Miguel, CP 47420, Lagos de Moreno Jalisco.

El domingo siguiente en la mañana, actividades diexistas. Quienes deseen aportar algún material impreso diexista, receptor u otro material para los asistentes, información sobre su agrupación diexista o radiodifusora, enviarlos a Iván a esa dirección. El responsable del evento recomienda hospedarse en Hotel Posada Real pero hay hoteles y alimentación para variados presupuestos. 73 y muy buenos DX de Miguel Ángel XE2004SWL/ XE2iTX/ 10AD222 Rocha Gómez (vía Darío Monferini, May 7, playdx yg vía DXLD)

WORLD OF HOROLOGY See INTERNATIONAL INTERNET: Global Breakfast Radio
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DST THIS YEAR IN EGYPT, FOR A SESQUIMONTH ONLY [why bother?]

For the first time since 2010, Egypt is to observe summer time, and clocks will go forward on 15 May. However, clocks will go back again for Ramadan (which this year starts around 29 June), so there will be a lot of chopping and changing (Chris Greenway, May 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

IIRC in last DST period, external broadcasts did not timeshift, (except I suppose domestic relays in Arabic), altho it hardly matters with their unreadability (gh, DXLD)

including at least 4 international broadcasters
Reporters Without Borders, World Press Freedom Day 2014 (3 May)

For the first time ever, Reporters Without Borders published a list of profiles of 1100 information heroes for World Press Freedom Day (3 May). Searching the list, I found four international broadcasters, two working for established international stations, two working for programmes which in DX circles are often labelled as clandestine. In 2010/11, there was a Voix de Djibouti broadcasting weekly on short wave, so a fifth international broadcaster might be added.

KHADIJA ISMAELOVA (Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty; HjB)
Azerbaijan / Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Sentenced last year to sweep the streets for taking part in an unauthorized demonstration, investigative journalist Khadija Ismayilova said with a smile she would be cleaning this country of filth, something she was quite used to. Ismayilova is known for her in-depth investigations into corruption at the highest levels of government. These include the presidential clan's hold on the most profitable sectors of the economy and its investments in tax havens. A former head of the Azerbaijani service of Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty, she works with a number of news organizations and her activities also extend to the international investigative journalism consortium, the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project. The personal risk is considerable. In 2012 and 2013 she was the target of a smear campaign and blackmail attempt using explicit video footage. In February this year, there was a change of tactics and she was accused of spying. According to the public prosecutor who questioned her for three days in succession, she was alleged to have passed on state secrets to the US Congress. However, it would take more than that to persuade her to call off her investigations.

PETER JOHN JABAN (Radio Free Malaysia [sic]; HjB)
Malaysia / Asia-Pacific

Known by the pseudonym of iPapa Orang Utan, Peter John Jaban is the voice of Radio Free Sarawak, a London-based shortwave radio station that broadcasts to local communities in the jungles of the Malaysian province of Sarawak, on the island of Borneo. A member of Sarawak's Iban community,

Jaban already defied the authorities by turning his previous radio station into a forum for criticizing exploitation and expropriation of the native population by the associates of Sarawak's billionaire chief minister Taib Mahmud. Radio Free Sarawak has to operate clandestinely in Sarawak, where the authorities regard it as seditious, jamming its broadcasts and hacking its website in an attempt to prevent it

from spreading its liesî and ipoisoning the spirit of the people.î Since returning to Sarawak in 2012, Jaban has lived in constant fear of being arrested but that doesnit stop him from commenting ironically: ii much appreciate the honour of this recognition, not least because it may be useful if I am arrested.''

BINIAM SIMON (Radio Erena; HjB)
Eritrea / Africa

Biniam Simon was a government TV presenter in Eritrea, a little-known corner of the Horn of Africa that may have become one of the worldís worst dictatorships under Issayas Afewerki. Around 10,000 political prisoners, including some 30 journalists, are held in terrible conditions and many have died in detention. Simon fled to France and, since 2009, has presented Radio Erena (Our Eritrea), a Paris-based radio station that broadcasts to Eritrea by satellite, shortwaves and online (although less than 4 percent of the population has an Internet connection). Using a network of correspondents of unparalleled courage, he provides reliable and independently reported news, despite intermittent jamming. His listeners know that, by listening to the station, they risk ending up in the hell of Eritreais jails.

ERIC TOPONA (Deutsche Welle; HjB)
Tchad / Africa

On 3 May 2013, World Press Freedom Day, radio journalist and human rights defender Eric Topona said media freedom was beginning to become a reality in Chad. But, three days later, he was arrested in a roundup of journalists and government opponents and spent more than 100 days in prison awaiting trial. The conditions in the prison were iatrocious,î he reported afterwards. He finally got a three-year suspended jail sentence for ithreatening constitutional orderî and initially resumed his journalistic work on his release. But, in December 2013, he realized he could no longer continue working as a journalist under President Idriss DÈby and moved to the German city of Bonn, where has resumed his professional relationship with Deutsche Welle.

MAYDANEH ABDALLAH OKIEH (La Voix de Djibouti, HjB)
Djibouti / Africa

Maydaneh Abdallah Okieh is one of the mainstays of the first independent radio station in Djiboutiís recent history, La Voix de Djibouti. He is reporter, interviewer and editor of its website and the government of President Ismail Omar Guelleh has had him in its sights on many occasions. He was jailed three times between March last year and March this year, held each time in Gabode central prison. He was accused of posting images of police violence on his Facebook page

and of covering an opposition demonstration, both of which enshrine the right of the public to be informed but which annoyed the Djibouti dictatorship. Despite being ill-treated in prison, he was refused access to a doctor several times. For the time being he is free, but who knows what tomorrow may bring.

excerpts taken from (Document in English)
https://www.reporter-ohne-grenzen.de/fileadmin/pdf/ROG-Helden_der_Pressefreiheit_2014.pdf
(via Dr. Hansjoerg Biener 1 May 2014, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See OKLAHOMA; USA TVDX logs
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See AUSTRALIA; USA KVOH; UNIDENTIFIED 198
+++++ PUBLICATIONS: WRTH

I've listened to many hours of DRM, and I find it folds like a five dollar suitcase, i.e. the audio drops out completely, when co-channel interference reaches a certain threshold. So DRM is, in fact, rather easy to jam. Furthermore ``the latest DRM receivers`` are all but impossible to find in shops (Kim Andrew Elliott, International Broadcasting, May NASWA Journal via DXLD)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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COMMRADIO CR-1 RECEIVER REVIEW BY PHIL IRELAND [illustrated]

Recently I have been considering the virtues of an SDR Communications receiver but I haven't been able to bring myself around to the idea of a little black box driven by a PC or a slotted card or dongle added to a PC or laptop. There is something about standalone desk top Communications Receivers and the joy of twiddling knobs and tuning.

On reading about the release of the Commradio CR-1, a SDR in the guise of a standalone desktop receiver, I thought this would have to be the Holy Grail to me. Here were most of the advantages of an SDR coupled with knobs to twiddle! Sounded great! That set me on the path to purchase one and after many hours trolling the internet looking at reviews from other owners; I sold some gear and took the plunge to purchase.

Dealing with the Company was a pleasure. Commradio is a spinoff of Aerostream, a company designing and making Avionics for the Aeronautical Industry. The Designer, Don Moore, is a man well known for his involvement in the hobby of Shortwave Radio and has used his experience in the hobby to design a receiver for hobbyists. The radio

arrived well boxed and I was keen to hook it up to antennas.

Always, when listening to a receiver, while specifications give you an idea on how a receiver should perform, the final proof is if you can hear a signal that you can make out! Yes, a receiver, no matter how good it is supposed to be, is only as good as the antenna you hook it up to but the design of a good receiver is a must to enable you to hear the signals your antenna is collecting.

So having said that, how did the CR-1 perform? The antennas used were a G5RV dipole and a couple of amplified PK Loops, one covering 520 kHz to 1700 kHz and another covering 1.7 MHz to 6 MHz. I had the CR-1 coupled to the G5RV through a nil gain splitter which has other analogue receivers connected, that allowed me to do a direct comparison with them on the same frequency.

The comparison receivers used were an Icom R75, an Icom R71 and an Alinco DR-8T, all good performing analogue Communications Receivers. To cut a long story short, the CR-1 heard everything the other receivers heard with the advantage of the excellent DSP allowing more recoverable audio to be heard from the noise. Make no mistake, this little receiver and I mean little receiver, is a DX powerhouse! It has quickly become my receiver of choice. The filters are excellent, sensitivity is excellent, and the only thing that is an issue is the mediocre audio amplifier. On its own the radio struggles to deliver powerful audio through its inbuilt speaker. Listening through headphones however is excellent, the audio quality is superb. I use an amplified external speaker for my listening. If you are like me with less than optimal hearing, you'll quickly see the need to connect some form of amplified external speaker!

The radio is very intuitive to use and the Commradioweb website offers a few instructional videos to help owners become familiar with their receiver. Can I recommend a CR-1? A resounding YES! This radio is excellent in nearly every way. I'm looking forward to taking it on DXpedition. Its small footprint allows for very easy travel.

So to summarise:

PROS:

- 1: Small, neat, compact desktop receiver, intuitive to use.
- 2: Very sensitive and selective, excellent filters and DSP.
- 3: Quality audio though headphones and amplified speaker.
- 4: Upgradeable firmware.
- 5: Quality construction.
- 6: Bright, easily readable OLED display.
- 7: Excellent SSB and ECSS capabilities.

CONS:

- 1: Mediocre audio amplifier.
- 2: At this stage, cannot interface with a GUI on a PC. May be rectified with future firmware upgrade.
- 3: No Synchronous selectable sideband detection. May be rectified by future firmware upgrade.

As the specifications are extensive on this radio and space is a consideration, refer to the following link to the Commradio website for further information.

<http://www.commradio.com/>

You won't be disappointed with this excellent receiver!

(May Australian DX News via DXLD)

ANY AM STEREO BROADCASTING LEFT?

Our AM stereo web site for current C-QuAM stereo stations is the most accurate listing on the Internet:

<http://meduci.com/stations.html>

WLS-AM in Chicago, Illinois USA is still airing C-QuAM stereo broadcasts. Warren Shultz retired from WLS 89 Chicago and was the CE responsible for keeping C-QuAM on that station for so many years.

We now sell new economical MW-2 PLL AM stereo tuner that is ready for connection to your amplifier, self-powered computer speakers, or receiver. Further details can be found here:

<http://meduci.com>

(Jeff Deck, AM stereo fanatic since 1982, May 3, ABDX via DXLD)

FM RECEIVER SELECTIVITY

FM broadcast radio Spacing in Europe? I have a question with those familiar with FM broadcast frequencies used in Europe. Some where online I thought I read stations were closer than here in the USA, where it is 0.2 MHz. For example stations are on 95.5, 95.7 and 95.9. If they are closer, I would think radios made for Europe would be more selective on FM, however I don't know that much about FM, so maybe not (FARMERIK, May 1, ABDX via DXLD)

FM channels here in Europe nominally use a 100 kHz spacing, but it really depends. Sometimes to avoid heavy side channel interference, stations adopt 50 or even 25 kHz shifts from their nominal frequency, especially here in Italy, where the FM band tends to be highly overcrowded in large urban areas. In that case they usually rely upon their listeners to be equipped with good AFC. I think frequency-synthesized sets using normal detectors and ceramic IF filters aren't generally much more selective than those sold in the US (a common bandwidth was 180 kHz or more, DXers would often replace them with 110

or 80 kHz versions). However they usually let you tune at 100 kHz steps, or even 50 kHz. Older receivers like Grundig Satellite 500 or 700 and Sony 2010 went down to 25 Khz. DSP receivers from China, like those based on new generation SiLabs ICs from Tecsun's can tune down to 10 kHz steps and have adaptive filters, which helps a lot in DX conditions. Those digital filters can be surprisingly effective, they can easily separate two strong stations 100 kHz away. 73 (Andy, based in Milan, Lawendel, ibid.)

Thanks! I have found the DSP radios to be very good separating adjacent FM 'channels' here. In my radio collection, I have many entertainment SONY portables, quite a few of which were never sold in the USA, and I wondered if those might have better selectivity on FM as well. One of the very few non-DSP radios to hear the weak FM station I like which has much closer and more powerful stations on either frequency 'side' is my SONY ICF-SW7600GR which is sold around the world. It tunes FM in 0,05 MHz steps. I have not tried the others yet, I guess I really should. I know my old NordeMende and Grundigs from Europe also are DXers on FM, but they are not daily users. I am looking into making a Moxon Unidirectional antenna as well, as my commercially made FM antenna has to point quite a few degrees off the channel I want to eliminate adjacent FM which I guess is coming off the back.

I tried a dozen lower priced portable modern radios, and the SONY ICF-403L and TECSUN R9700DX both could hear the distant weak FM station, but with interference. Among the radios which could not is the TECSUN PL-600, SONY ICF-304, '404L, '704S, '38 and 'S22. Also the Roberts 993 Classic. The FM station is on 95.9, and it is late afternoon here in Connecticut USA. I don't DX FM, but I would be curious if anyone had any other modestly priced non-DSP radios to suggest (-FARMERIK, ibid.)

Yes, considering their outstanding behavior on AM and shortwaves, both the PL600 and 660 are very disappointing on FM. My early experiences with non local FM reception is mostly based on the Satellit, tabletop tuners and a cheap but not modestly priced Sangean 909 (which has been modified with 110 and 80 Murata IF filters, I know someone used a 110/53 combination).

I must say that since I discovered Tecsun DSP models such as the 310 or 390, I've definitely switched to these. I'm using them in a very peculiar setting, during my summer holidays on a tiny island facing the port of Trapani, in Sicily. There, I spend all the time on the beach, looking for tropo ducting (around 1000 kilometers) or Sporadic E (2000-2500 kilometers) conditions, with the integrated whip antenna. The sensitivity can be astounding too: on YouTube you can listen to a short sample, a low power (50 or 100 watts I'd say) local from the Island of Mallorca, Spain, 800 kilometers from my location:

<http://youtu.be/ugkficgkoBU>

The station is called Capdepera Radio, operating in Catalan language. There's a distinct adjacent frequency interference, which is partially filtered out, and a co-channel station which I managed nulling by carefully positioning my antenna. As far as I can tell, only good quality portables like the Satellit 700 or maybe the modified Sangean 909 would be on par, and they would cost much more than the 40-50 dollars I've paid on eBay for the Tecsun.

Thanks for your reference to the Moxon type antenna, by the way, it looks very promising! (Andy Lawendel, *ibid.*)

RECEIVER ELAD FDM-S2 TESTED IN FM WITH DIFFERENT SOFTWARE

Ciao, I tested my Elad FDM-S2 also in FM with 3 different software. Here you can find few notes and images:

<http://air-radiorama.blogspot.it/2014/05/fm-con-elad-fdm-s2-e-tre-software.html>
<http://radiodxinfo.blogspot.it/>
73 (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, May 5, dxldyg via DXLD)

PROPAGATION

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Solar activity forecast for the period May 2 - 8, 2014

Activity level: mostly low

X-ray background flux (1.0-8.0 Å): in the range B2.0-B9.5

Radio flux (10.7 cm): a fluctuation in the range 105-155 f.u.

Events: class C (0-13/day), class M (0-4/day), class X (0/period), proton (0-1/period)

Relative sunspot number (R_i): in the range 25-125

RWC Prague, Astronomical Institute, Solar Dept., Ondrejov, Czech Republic

e-mail: sunwatch(at)asu.cas.cz

Geomagnetic activity forecast for the period May 2 to May 8, 2014

quiet: May 2, 3 and 5 to 8

quiet to unsettled: May 4

unsettled: 0

active: 0

minor storm: 0

major storm: 0

severe storm: 0

Geomagnetic activity summary: geomagnetic field was quiet from

Apr 26 to 29, unsettled on Apr 24 and 25.

RWC Prague, Geophysical Institute Prague, Geomagnetic Dept,
Czech Republic

Geomagnetic activity forecast for the period May 2 - 29, 2014

Geomagnetic field will be:

quiet on May 6, 8 - 9, 25 - 27

mostly quiet on May 2, 13, 14 - 16, 20 - 21, 24

quiet to unsettled on May 4, 7, 17 - 18, 28

quiet to active on May 5, 11 - 12, 19, 22 - 23, 29

active to disturbed on 3, 10

Amplification of the solar wind is expected on May 3,
(4 - 5, 10,) 14, (18)

Remarks:

- Cycle 24 maximum is apparently just behind us. Although it was not low, were among the lowest in the last hundred years. Sunspot activity increased already at the end of October 2013, but the response in our ionosphere was particularly evident later, from the end of February to early April. Now, we expect a roughly four-year decline in solar activity to the next minima.

- Parenthesis means lower probability of activity enhancement.

F. K. Janda, OK1HH, Czech Propagation Interest Group
(OK1HH & OK1MGW, weekly forecasts since 1978)
e-mail: ok1hh(at)rsys.cz (via Dario Monferini, WORLD OF RADIO 1720,
DXLD)

CME Narrowly Misses Earth

FULL STORY:

http://science.nasa.gov/science-news/science-at-nasa/2014/02may_superstorm
(via Ben Dawson, WA, May 2, DXLD) Was July 23, 2012

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Weekly Highlights and Forecasts

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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 28 April - 04 May 2014

Solar activity was at predominately low levels through the period with very low levels observed on 29 April and again on 01 May. The period began with a C3/Sf flare observed at 28/1526 UTC from Region 2048 (N20, L=125, class/area Dso/060 on 28 Apr). On 29 April, a B9/Sf flare was recorded at 29/2254 UTC from Region 2047 (S18, L=048, class/area Dkc/360 on 02 May). Associated with this event a partial-halo CME observed off the west limb, first visible in LASCO C2 imagery at 30/0024 UTC. Low-level C-class flares were observed on 30 April and 02 May; the largest a C4/Sf at 02/0940 UTC from Region 2047. Activity on 03 May was dominated by Region 2051 (S09, L=058, class/area Dkc/310 on 03 May) which rapidly emerged on 01 May in the SE quadrant. At 03/0608 UTC, the region produced a long-duration C5 event with an associated asymmetric CME. The CME was observed off the west limb, first visible in LASCO C2 imagery at 03/0612 UTC. The period ended on 04 May with a C9 x-ray event observed from Region 2051 at 04/1231 UTC.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit was at moderate levels on 28 - 29 April and briefly on 03 May. Normal levels were observed for the remainder of the period.

Geomagnetic field activity began the period on 29 April at quiet to unsettled levels due to a period of sustained negative Bz. Late on 29 April through early on 01 May, field activity ranged from quiet to active levels due to a slow-moving transient feature. The majority of 01 May through late on 03 May saw quiet conditions. By late on 03 May, and through the balance of the summary period, quiet to active conditions were present as effects from the 29 April CME impacted Earth. Wind parameters, measured at the ACE spacecraft, reflected the varying geomagnetic conditions described above. Wind speed began the period at about 350 km/s, dipped to a low of near 250 km/s early on 29 April before a gradual rise to about 390 km/s was observed late on 01 May. Wind speeds then declined to about 300 km/s midday on 03 May before exhibiting a slow rise to end-of period speeds near 370 km/s. IMF Bt ranged from 1 to 11 nT. The Bz component ranged from +8 to -8 nT with sustained negative periods of -8 nT observed from 29/2200 - 30/1500 UTC and again from 03/1800 - 04/0700 UTC. The phi component began the period varying between a positive (away) to a negative (towards) sector through about 30/0900 UTC where it settled into a predominately positive orientation. By about 02/2100 UTC, phi rotated back to a more negative sector and remained so through the end of the summary period.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 05 MAY - 31 MAY 2014

Solar activity is expected to be at low levels with a chance for M-class (R1-R2, Minor-Moderate) flare activity through 19 May due to the return of old Regions 2035 (S13, L=224) and 2036 (S15, L=246).

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be moderate to high levels from 08 - 17 May and again from 24 - 28 May due to solar wind enhancements from recurrent coronal hole high speed streams (CH HSS).

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be quiet to unsettled for 05 - 08 May (positive CH HSS / weak CME effects), 09 - 11 May (negative CH HSS / sustained - Bz), 14 - 15 May (sustained - Bz) and 21 - 22 May (negative CH HSS). Predominately quiet geomagnetic field activity is expected for the remainder of the period, barring any unforeseeable transient features.

NOTE: the 27D0 originally posted to the DXLD yg was actually from the previous week as the new one was not yet put up by NOAA.

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:Product: 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table 27D0.txt
:Issued: 2014 May 05 1759 UTC
# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction
Center
# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
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#
#      27-day Space Weather Outlook Table
#      Issued 2014-05-05
#
#      UTC      Radio Flux    Planetary    Largest
#      Date      10.7 cm      A Index     Kp Index
2014 May 05      135          8            3
2014 May 06      135          8            3
2014 May 07      130         12            4
2014 May 08      130          8            3
2014 May 09      135          8            3
2014 May 10      135         12            4
2014 May 11      140         10            3
2014 May 12      145          5             2
2014 May 13      150          5             2
2014 May 14      150         10            3
2014 May 15      145          8             3
2014 May 16      140          5             2
2014 May 17      140          5             2
2014 May 18      135          5             2
2014 May 19      130          5             2
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2014 May 20	130	5	2
2014 May 21	125	10	3
2014 May 22	120	8	3
2014 May 23	120	5	2
2014 May 24	120	5	2
2014 May 25	120	5	2
2014 May 26	120	5	2
2014 May 27	115	5	2
2014 May 28	115	5	2
2014 May 29	115	5	2
2014 May 30	120	5	2
2014 May 31	125	5	2

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